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Note for 20260211 – 2 Corinthians 9:8

1. Opening

Welcome to the Devotionals of The House of Bread. In the Word we read that we are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

I am sure that all of us are familiar with the experience of looking at the money in our bank account and looking at the days left until the end of the month.

In His Hand
A Testimony of Divine Provision & Stewardship

THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION of SUFFICIENCY

Grace Abounding in Every Work
- 1 corinthians 9:8. - that God provides all sufficiency at all times for every good work.

Stewardship vs. Trust
Trust acknowledges God provides; - stewardship ensures that what is given is managed with integrity.

The Law of Sowing
Those who sow bountifully reap bountifully, with God supplying seed to the sower.

THE TESTIMONY of "THE 10 RAND COKE"

Provision in the Smallest Details
A guided purchase of small soda illustrates God's care for personal desires, not just survival.

God Moves the Hearts of Others
Provision often arrives through the generosity of others, moved by God to give.

"I have what this world cannot give."
True wealth is defined as having peace, trust, and rest regardless of a bank balance.

WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE Source of Income: Boss or Government Definition of Poor: Low Bank Balance Spending Goal: Self-Indulgence	FAITH PERSPECTIVE Source of Income: God as the Ultimate Supplier Definition of Poor: Lacking Peace, Trust, and Rest Spending Goal: Good Works and Generosity
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2. Scripture Text

2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

"[8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

<https://bible.com/bible/59/2co.9.8.ESV>

3. Devotional Reflection

Surely, by now, you know that I got the Title for today's devotional before I open the Bible. But what you don't know is the conversation that took place in prayer. I have been balancing the budget in my head for a few days now, and this morning, I replied to GOD that it was not a matter of trust, but in stewardship. It is not a matter of trust, because I know the provision of the LORD, but surely what was given must be dealt with in good practice. I am almost hesitant to share what I received before I got the title. "*Buy what you want to your heart's content.*" Do you understand now why I was hesitant. (Deuteronomy 14:24-27; read why I did not reject this answer from the LORD. It is in-line with His Nature and His Word)

You see, GOD knows that I won't waste money, I know it is not mine. With what is left, there is not enough for both want and need, and even in need, it requires consideration of what is more needed than the next. You also know that I do not write here to place a request to you, I know the LORD will provide as need arise. It doesn't remove the need for good stewardship, and I also know it is to keep me in the knowledge that it is GOD who supplies, not a boss or government, though both might be the avenue of provision. Well, I do not have an earthly boss. What I do, I do in charity at no charge.

Friends, even if the nature of how there is provision for me is just for testimony for you that we are in GOD'S hand, it is worth it. But it is not. It is also as a constant reminder to me that GOD is my provider, and the facts cannot be argued. GOD supplies through the charity of others. GOD moves the heart to give, even when the bank balance does not permit. I say again, my requests are made known to GOD, I am not positioning a request to you at all, in fact, I do not wish to be a burden on anyone. I see how GOD provides, because I am dependent on Him.

Today's Verse comes from where Paul speaks on this precise matter. "*Coincidence?*" I know it is not. Let's have a look at a few more verses than just the one received, let's increase the "*bread.*"

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 ESV

“[6] The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. [9] As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” [10] He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. [12] For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. [13] By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. [15] Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”

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Do you still think we live “*per chance*” lives? Did my circumstances stand in preparation of the delivery of this devotional today, or is it just a matter of oppression? I thank GOD that I can know so clearly that He is my provider. And I know that many may look at me and have unsavory words to say about me, but I would warn against that, not for my sake, but theirs.

Don't you know that if it was beneficial for me that GOD would provide me with great riches? But how would I deliver this message to you from an ivory tower? Oh, no! There is power in the testimony of the poor that confirms the Word of GOD. And how can I be called poor when I have been blessed so richly in all matters except a vat bank balance? Oh, I know that there are those that GOD has blessed in such a way, because they are called to give in that way. What I receive from GOD, I share here, with all of you.

We are all “*in His Hand.*”

Did GOD not hardened Pharaoh's heart to glorify GOD'S Name. Who instructed Elijah to go to the widow's house?

Will GOD show up at my house with grocery bags? He could if He wants, but it is more likely that GOD will operate the way He always has. You see, GOD will send one of those that trust in Him, maybe for a test in obedience to Him. And if only disobedience is found, he will move the heart of someone who does not trust in Him, just like He moved Nebuchadnezzar to come against Jerusalem. Failing that, He can still bring down Mannah from heaven, because He is still GOD. Is that what is required for people to believe?

I need you to hear me very clearly today, especially if you think your efforts are what fuels your finances. GOD is the supplier. His will be done. What does contentment look like in a little? Friends, I would rather have a little here and a treasure with GOD than anything this world can provide. But what comes to me here, is by the Grace of GOD.

I know that my circumstances are in the precise way they need to be so I can write here. That my words may be found in truth. What a mighty blessing is that?

Poor? I think not, and though I may not have my own house or own car, though I may not have the best of what this world has in offer, I have what this world cannot give, peace, trust and rest. How blessed am I? This is mercy too, grace to know the provision of GOD, daily.

4. Closing Paragraph

Today's message does not come without a warning though. I have mentioned that there will be those that judge me on outward appearance. As far as my own sentiment goes, you are entitled to your opinions, free choice is still kept in place by GOD. However, it is very unwise in the sight of GOD to speak ill of those He loves. Do not bring that upon yourself, please. Each of us are precisely where we need to be for the testimony of GOD, even in the fulfilling of the curses for disobedience. The Word will be fulfilled and confirmed throughout all ages and in every civilization, precisely according to the Word of GOD. We get to choose in which circumstance we stand, for or against GOD, blessed or cursed, redeemed or condemned. We choose, yet GOD'S Word remains true.

Selah...

SHALOM.

PS: Now I know what to do today, and by the time many of you read or hear this, GOD would have already supplied in my needs. I know, because that is the testimony of my mouth and life.

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