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You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways. Scriptures are replete with principles that support the power of the tongue. This Scripture refers to your royal anointing—the favor God has poured over you because you belong to Him. It reminds me of the story when Samuel went to David and poured anointing oil over his head to signify he would be the next king of Israel. Good things began to happen to him almost immediately because he started looking at his world through eyes of blessing rather than eyes of failure. Even as he overcame the lion and the bear, he knew he could overcome giants. And just as he took authority and overcame everything that threatened his ascent to the throne, you must take authority and overcome everything that threatens your ascent into the realm of success and prosperity. A king does not beg and cry for anything. He does not have to. He declares something and that thing is established. A king has the legal power to decree, which is an old English word for "legislate. Peter tells us we belong to "a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2: The word royal speaks of our kingly attributes as Believers. You must manifest your royal anointing to decree blessings over your marriage, family, business, ministry, and every other realm of your life. The whole universe is waiting for us to give it instruction. As the Bible says, "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God" Romans 8: Every word you speak is pregnant with regal, creative power. The first to illustrate this was God Himself. According to Hebrews God spoke, and from "nothingness" came everything that exists in the physical universe. James, the brother of Jesus, told a parable of how this is to work in our lives: For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. Then he determines the times he will need to adjust the direction of the ship to follow the course he has set. He checks his calculations from time to time to ensure he is always headed in the right direction, and then he keeps the steering as steady as possible heading towards his predetermined destination. Certainly along the way he may have to adjust the helm to go around storms, navigate currents, or avoid obstacles in the water, but he always steers with his focus more on where he is going than what he is going through. If he constantly changes the steering from one minute to the next fixated on his present circumstances, the ship is more likely to go in circles than it is to arrive at the desired port of call. For the pilot, the course is created first in his thoughts, communicated through the rudder, and then realized as the rest of the ship lines up with his intent. For us, our lives only arrive at our desired goals if we line up our thoughts, words, habits, and actions in a similar way. You must take the time to carefully consider your course. Where are you heading? What will it look like when you get there? Let your imagination take over. Spend time daydreaming about where you want to be in life. Write about it in your journal. Let your mind run free with the possibilities of what you could attain. What will it take to get there? Are there skills you will need to acquire? Are there people who live in that place that you can learn from? How did they get there? What paths did they take? Are there habits that you should form that will keep you on course? Now talk about it. Line up your mouth—the rudder of your life—with where you are going. Then keep it steady and on course. What happens to a ship if you head it in one direction at one moment, and then turn it in the opposite direction in the next—and keep doing that over and over? Pretty simple—it goes nowhere. This is what happens when people start speaking about the good things they are expecting to happen one minute, and then spend the next half hour talking about all the negative things happening to them that are keeping them from getting there. They are turning their lives in circles. They line up their spoken words with where they want to go for a little while, then when they meet a storm along the way, all they do is talk about the bad weather and lose track of where they were headed in the first place. They

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forget that they have the power to turn their lives around the storm or press on through it to the sunshine on the other side. They forget that the "Son" has never stopped shining on their lives, no matter how dark the clouds in the sky are. Even in the midst of what looks like catastrophe, keep speaking the blessing, keep the ship of your life on a steady course, and before you know it the storm clouds will clear and you will have broken through your difficulty and left it far behind you. Tell Your Troubles Where to Go Your every decree is pregnant with the power and potential to revolutionize your life. I will declare the decree: Ask of Me, and I will give You In the book of 1 Samuel And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. Since the spirit realm is the causal realm, Goliath was dead long before he was struck by the stone and beheaded by the sword. Remember, according to Proverbs When you bless, blessings will be drawn to you, or as Deuteronomy Again, as James said: What did he mean? A double-minded person is a person with conflicting thoughtsâ€”someone who holds two different opinions at the same time. That person is the pilot who steers his ship towards one port for a while, then reverses to steer it towards another in the opposite direction. At one point your life is headed towards blessings because that is what you have spoken, and the next it is headed towards cursing because that is now what your mouth is proclaiming. With it the tongue we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. We do not know that our daily declarations and decrees have the power to alter our destiny and change the quality of our lives. If guarding your words causes you to keep your life and grow in maturity, imagine what happens when you do not guard your words? Speak Out Your Blessings Hosea 8: Whatever you sow will come back to you multiplied. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Your season of frustration and failure is over, and you walk in a season of success and prosperity. Old things have passed away; all things have become new. Speak life into your situation! Adapted from Commanding Your Morning book Blessings,.

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3: Cindy Trimm: "Speak Life Into Your Situation"

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I used to think it was, as a matter of fact; I used that verse in that exact way until I began to study it in greater detail. In my two-teaching album *The Power of Partnership*, I taught about the many rewards you receive when partnering with a ministry that is reaching out with the nearly-too-good-to-be-true news. I used the example of King David who set a precedent that gave the people who guarded the spoils an equal share with those who actually did the fighting. We learned that *Philippians 4*: Paul confirmed that in *1 Corinthians* The partners Paul was talking about were systematic, deliberate givers. These are all powerful truths, but I want to show you an aspect of partnership that I believe very few Christians understand. What does the scripture mean that says our gifts will make room for us and bring us before great men? Solomon asked God for a very unselfish thing, wisdom, so that he could be a good king. The fame of Solomon spread throughout the land, and in *1 Kings*, chapter *And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: And Solomon told her all her questions: In 1 Kings* Think about that; Solomon was the most famous man in the world in his day. He was ruler of the most powerful and prosperous kingdom in the world in his day, and all the people of the earth sought Solomon for his attention so they could ask his wisdom, get his opinion, and receive his favor. So with all these people competing for his time, why did he move the Queen of Sheba to the front of the line and spend so much time answering all her questions? I believe it was her gift that made room for her, just like *Proverbs* We read that she was well prepared and came with many gifts. So what did the Queen of Sheba get out of this? Everything she wanted and more. When the queen left for home, she left with greater riches, more wisdom, and the favor of the greatest king on earth. Her gift opened the door to great blessings. Does what the Queen of Sheba did seem selfish to you? You know, it could have been a real guilt trip as she passed by all the needy people, but the Queen understood a very important principle that applies to the support of a ministry today. She probably left with more riches than she brought, and just think of how much more of a blessing she may have been to the poor on her return trip. This is a great example of how things work in the kingdom of God. The Bible says that we are to desire spiritual gifts. I really believe that the things that are operating in my life have come in part, not totally because I have supported great men and women of God. But I believe that you can start seeing these things happen in your life just as I have seen in mine, if you will mix faith with your gifts. Even though they have always had a powerful anointing, they struggled financially earlier in their ministry. Because of that, they developed a real heart for other quality ministries in the same position. They were taking all their tithes and offerings and giving them to smaller ministries where they felt their gift could really make a difference. Their gifts were certainly making a difference in the lives of these ministers and the people those ministers were reaching. The Lord began to convict Charlie and Jill of this, telling them that they needed to start giving to ministries that fed them and had an anointing they needed. It was time to start partaking of the blessing and anointing that was on the lives of other ministers. In response, they began giving to people like Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Joyce Meyer, and me, all ministers who were imparting anointing and blessing to their lives. Within about six months they received a call from Dave and Joyce Meyer, who asked them to dinner. During dinner, Joyce asked them to lead praise and worship in their Word seminars she conducts across America and around the world. They now minister on a regular basis to thousands, and their anointing has increased proportionally. It was no accident that this door was opened to them after they started giving, expecting to receive increased blessing and anointing. Just like the Queen of Sheba, Charlie and Jill could have been sidetracked by the needs of all who were struggling, but they knew that what they would receive in increased anointing and blessing would make it possible to benefit those around them in a much greater way. I pray that the eyes of your understanding are enlightened and that the Holy Spirit has borne witness with this teaching in your heart, and I

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release the blessing and anointing on my life to you, my partners.

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The Parable of the Talents is the primary reason for wealth or poverty throughout history. Reasons for Rich or Poor Why do some people retire rich and most people retire poor? This subject has fascinated philosophers, thinkers, mystics and teachers throughout the ages. There have been so many cases of hundreds or thousands and even millions of men and women who have started with nothing and become financially independent that people are naturally curious to know why it happened and what are the common rules or principles that others can apply to become wealthy as well. Why People Become Rich One illustration of this key principle is called the parable of the talents. But from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away. Why should this happen? The great success principle, the single idea that explains human destiny is simple. You create your entire world by the things you choose to think about and how you choose to think about them. It just so happens that wealthy, successful people fill their minds with thoughts, words, pictures and images of wealth, affluence, success, productivity and solutions to problems in the marketplace, most of the time. These thoughts trigger the reticular activating cortex, the part of the brain that makes you more alert and sensitive to things that you have decided are important to you. Activate Your Reticular Cortex For example, if you decide to invest in a mutual fund, you will start to see news and information about mutual funds everywhere. Mentions in newspapers and magazines will jump out at you. These notices have always been there but now you have sensitized your brain to pick them up and draw them to your attention with far greater frequency and vividness. This is the function and power of your reticular cortex. Avoid Poverty Thinking On the other hand, what do poor people think about most of the time? Unfortunately, poor people fill their minds with thoughts of scarcity, lack, poverty, being unable to afford things. They are always thinking and talking about how little money they have, how much things cost and how they wish things could be better financially. What they think about most of the time is how little money they have. Think Like Wealthy People Think Wealthy people from an early age think about how much they have, how much they want and all the different things they can do to acquire and earn the money and things they desire. If you want to be wealthy, find out what poor people think about, and avoid thinking in those ways. Instead, find out how wealthy people think. Find out what they read. Find out how they spend their time. Study their lives, read their stories and autobiographies and listen to their words when they are interviewed and on tape. The more you find out what financially successful people think and talk about most of the time, and do the same things, the more rapidly you will enjoy the same rewards that they do. Action Exercises Here are two things you can do to put this parable of the talents into action: First, make a decision today that from now on you will think and talk only about the financial success that you desire. At the same time, you will refuse to talk about or dwell upon your financial problems. What can you do to achieve it? What are your options? How can you get from where you are to where you want to go? This type of attitude will change your life.

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This is part 1 of a Bible Study Series looking at the subject of giving in the Christian's life. This audio sermon and transcript looks at the Biblical Basis of Giving, and is from the ministry of David Legge, a Christian preacher and Bible teacher from Belfast, Northern Ireland.

A Thanksgiving Day Remembrance. A Thanksgiving Day Remembrance Isaiah She lost her father when she was one year old, and later in life she would lose her only child in its infancy. She had a natural talent for writing poems and was often asked to recite her poetry. Eventually, her writing brought her national recognition, and she was invited to visit presidents, generals, and other notable dignitaries. When she died in , just six weeks shy of her 95th birthday, Francis had written 8, poems and songs. Most importantly, Fanny loved Jesus Christ. Her love for the Lord became the inspiration for her thousands of songs and poems, many of which are still sung in churches every weekend today. What an attitude to be reminded of at the Thanksgiving celebration. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. This holiday, more than any other, provides an opportunity for all of us to re-examine what America is really all about spiritually, and where we stand in relationship to that principle. Perhaps the best place to begin is the discovery of America. Most Americans have no idea who Christopher Columbus really was and the reasons for his journey and what it accomplished. There are many fascinating principles related to this great holiday, but unfortunately, many people are too busy celebrating to give thanks to the One who truly deserves it. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence. For the execution of the journey to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics, or maps, it is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied. No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His own service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will. And then day by day, moment by moment, everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to Him. His journal quote from Isaiah This, of course, is another reason why those involved in anti-Semitism hate our nation. Christopher Columbus had for his motivation not the technology of his day, but the Biblical view of the scriptures and his spiritual faith in the Bible. Columbus was more driven by prophecy than he was by astronomy. He compiled a collection of Biblical passages in his Book of Prophecies. Columbus was funded by Spaniards, and at that time, Jews in Spain had become the target of religious persecution. Many were forced to renounce Judaism and embrace Catholicism under force. Muraros has two meanings in Spanish-the damned and the swine. The Spanish Inquisition, with all its evil and doctrines of demons 1TI 4: The introduction of the Inquisition was motivated by the greed of King Ferdinand, who attempted to seize all the power and wealth in Spain, particularly from the Jewish people. In the pope passed a law used as an instrument for greed and political conformity, and four years later, tens of thousands of Jews were suffering under the Spanish Inquisition. In less than 12 years, the Inquisition had condemned no less than 13, men and women who had continued to practice Judaism in secret. The rest of them were expelled from Spain on March 31, , when the Edict of Expulsion was signed. He boasted that he was related to King David, and some of his letters were described as written in an unknown script, presumably Hebrew. He is said to have used a unique triangular signature, similar to the inscriptions found on gravestones in ancient Jewish cemeteries in Spain. In the final analysis, his ethnic background is not an important issue, but rather, as is ultimately true for every one of us, his spiritual condition was what mattered. The word of God instructs us to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things will be added to us MAT 6: This brings us

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to a question we all must ask: Looking at the birth of this nation, it is very hard for us to imagine the needs and the poverty of those travelers establishing settlements here on this strange land. But in the Plymouth colony, the turning point took place one Friday in the middle of March, As it turned out, the region in which they had settled had always been the territory of the Pawtuxets, a large hostile tribe, that barbarously murdered every white man that had ever landed on their shores. So complete was the devastation that neighboring tribes had shunned the area every since, convinced that some supernatural spirit had destroyed the Pawtuxets. The land had been completely cleared of enemies before the Pilgrims came. This was no mere coincidence but rather the providence of God. The decrees are what God has allowed to happen throughout history. The doctrine of providence expresses the fact that the world and our lives are not ruled by chance, fate, or luck, but by God. The Holy Spirit under the providence of God has several ministries. One of the most overlooked ministries of the Spirit is His restraining of sin and evil in the world. In fact, were it not for this ministry of restraint, the human race would self-destruct. Anything that might destroy the human race is restrained by the providence of God. The providence of God protects the human race from self-destruction through divine judgment of individuals, groups, nations, and organizations that are evil, as in the Flood of the days of Noah. The Apostle Paul had providential perception, the spiritual discernment concerning the providence of God. He knew that God is going to accomplish three main goals: Maximum glorification for Himself, REV 4: The resolution of an immense invisible struggle that began before the human race in the angelic conflict, 1CO The highest and the best for His elected ones in the human race, 2PE 1: This is the spiritual discernment that we all need as we observe events taking place in our lives. Providence also includes the divine control of history, and that is a comforting truth in itself. It is more amazing to realize, not just what God permits to happen in history, but what He prevents from happening in history. We must never forget to be thankful for the providence of God. For a more detailed study, order tape IA

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7: A Thanksgiving Day Remembrance. Isaiah - Robert McLaughlin Bible Ministries

Gabriel Aviles is the creator of the Man Upstairs LifeHacks series, beginner's summaries about money, career, relationships, and other personal development topics from a Biblical perspective.

Click the play button to listen. Right-click or hold down on the Cloud icon to download MP3 audio. Read or print the word-for-word transcript below for further study. I make no apology for touching and dealing with this subject at such a time, for there could be no better time as this one to remind you of your responsibilities as an assembly. Giving is a subject little preached on, and probably not in the top ten of requested sermon titles from the pew! So verse 1 of chapter 8 in 2 Corinthians, Paul says: For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. The grace of giving: Now, giving is a subject little preached on, and probably not in the top ten of requested sermon titles from the pew! There, I think, are a number of reasons we could cite why Christians generally have hang-ups with regards to talking about money, especially from the pulpit. It amounts to no more than financial fraud of their followers, disgraceful escapades of false prophets who are making a profit. What she had to sell, the money that they needed to raise in order to rent the building for that particular evening: Because of that many of us shy away from the subject. Neither do we want to transgress the principle that God has told us that His eye is upon the sparrow. God takes care of the little sparrow in the air, therefore God will take care of us. He clothes the lilies of the field more than Solomon in all his glory, therefore we are afraid that in looking for money and in talking about money, that in some way we are transgressing this principle that should be the principle of the disciple of Christ of total and utter dependence upon God alone by faith. Not going to others for our need, not looking to the Gentile world for our need, but going to God alone. If you read the Scriptures in even a casual reading you will see that that is so, and therefore we ought not to be afraid to talk about it. At the conclusion he announced an offering, and afterwards a lady asked him: But our responsibility is also upon our resources, and there are financial responsibilities - yes, requirements - of the disciple of Jesus Christ. He begins in verse 1, if you look at it, talking about the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia. If you look further down the verses he uses this phrase five times, in verse 4 he mentions the privilege - in the Authorised it says: Verse 9, look at it: I want you to see that grace is the foundation of giving right throughout the whole Bible Yes, it is a responsibility, but it is meant to be a blessing! I wonder do we see it like that? I want you to see that grace is the foundation of giving right throughout the whole Bible - now I know we separate Old and New Testaments, and say that the Old is law and the New is grace, and to a certain extent that is true - but grace giving has had a basis right from the very beginning, even in the Old Testament. Can I just say to you: We shall see that this morning, in fact, actually when you study the Old Testament you find that there were multiple mandatory giving requirements in Israel which came to considerably more than just 10 percent. It was in order to support the priestly ministry within the tabernacle and later within the temple. Turn with me to that, Leviticus 27 verse They had to be fed, they had to be kept, they had to wear clothing, they had to have a place of at least some comfort to live in. A man who did not pay it was robbing God. Malachi chapter 3, at the end of your Old Testament, and this is what God says to His people in verse 8 of chapter 3: Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? Now mark this please: But you see, where many fall down is this: They were to join in a celebration which would become an annual celebration, feasting, family together, friends and servants would all join together in a feast to celebrate what the Lord had done. That was the festival tithe, necessary to pay for those

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annual religious feasts within the society of the Jews. The two tithes together comprised Now those are the mandatory tithes: Why am I telling you all this? Well, here it is, the bottom line was this: That is what they were required to give, and then the Lord comes after this 25 percent and leaves it open, an option for men and women not to give what they have to give but to give from their heart, what they want to give! Grace giving - an offering that is not required. We read in Numbers 18 of the firstfruit offerings, which an Israelite could give to God out of love for Him. In other words, he brought the firstfruit of his crops at the harvest time and he offered it to God, the firstfruits of his livestock were given to God. The beautiful thing about this was that he did this when he had not yet harvested the rest of the crop for himself. So he was giving to God, ultimately, before he knew whether he had enough for himself! He was giving the best to God before anybody else. Oh, I wonder do we do that with our earnings? Is God left with the leftovers? Is God left the lamb with the blemish, with the spot; the lamb that is crippled? It was faith giving, and it was totally involuntary. The people were so liberal in their giving in the Old Testament that God had to tell Moses: Now turn with me for a moment to Exodus 36, because I want to show you an astounding fact. Moses asks for these gifts that are not mandatory, that are freewill offerings, and in chapter 36 of Exodus, verse 5 we read: And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. When a heart overflows with grace giving, even an Old Testament heart - no matter what dispensation you want to put him in - a substantial amount of that love pours out to God in the giving of the income that we have financially. Now, we must move on because although grace giving started in the Old Testament, it really finds its fruition in the New. As we noted, we want to look now at the grace giving in the New Testament: Paul began his discussion of grace giving by holding this high example of the impoverished Macedonians abounding, astoundingly in their giving. The Greek scholar Alfred Plummer translates this: Some of you maybe count yourself as poor, but if you cast your mind back 50, 60, 70, 80 years - we are not poor in comparison, relatively speaking. Look at two-thirds of the world - we are not poor, although we struggle, we all struggle - well, most of us do. One author has said: We have to give as the Lord has prospered us - but let that not be a cloak in any way for us to get out of the fact that the Scriptures lay down the fact that in our giving we need to be sacrificial Not only were they excruciatingly poor, but verse 2 tells us that they were in a great trial of affliction - the literal sense is that they were being squeezed by the difficulties of their life. But it was out of that circumstance that this incredible grace giving came, and Paul commends them for it. Out of extreme trial, severe poverty, they were overflowing with joy, Paul says, because they abounded unto the riches of their liberality. Even in the midst of such awful despair financially, there was grace giving. Do you know what principle that lays down for me? No one is too poor to give - no one. This is grace giving. Chrysostom, one of the early Christians, marvelled at these Macedonians, and he said: Look at verse 4: Now this is astounding: If you miss this you miss absolutely everything: When He lays His finger on something for you to give, you give it! Paul says the reason why they were giving like this was in verse 5: Have you ever given your pocket over to God? A young Norwegian named Peter Torgensson sp? He went later to be a fruitful missionary all his life in the land of China. But can we say that? That is where grace giving must begin. In Romans 12 verse 1, Paul says: This is the grounds for your giving yourself: The reason why we ought to give so much of our whole selves and even our finances, is because we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, if he can stamp it with the blood of Christ, we should not apologise in preaching it! He says the very standard that should motivate our giving is the fact that Jesus, who could tread any galaxy He liked, came from the realms of heaven and took upon Himself the form of a servant and became poor. Yet here He is stepping from eternity into time, clothing Himself in flesh, the poverty of that alone! That is what produced the grace giving in their lives: Do you give in the measure that He was given for you?

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Author of several Roman Catholic religious education programs for children: Her books have been translated into more than twenty foreign languages. More people have studied her books than have read the Documents of the Second Vatican Council or the papal Encyclicals of the twentieth century. Nicknamed Maguy, she was the third child, after brothers Andres and Juan, of a prominent industrial family with a French-Dutch background. Seeing the vast opportunities offered by the New World, he settled there with his wife, Louise Veyan. He bought extensive property in the north of Mexico, and successfully promoted cultivation of cotton, hemp, and production of textiles. He became a co-founder of the city of Torreon present population over , in the State of Coahuila, Mexico. Her father, Adolfo Aymes Veyan, born in Mexico, inherited the possessions and businesses of his father. Known for his generosity, he risked the loss of large property holdings and personal freedom by harboring and supporting priests and religious being hunted by the police during the religious persecutions in Mexico, at the time of Presidents Plutarco Calles and Lazaro Cardenas. After his marriage to Emile Robert, he settled in Nice, France, where his three daughters were born. They married in Mexico City. There they settled and raised their three children. Maguy grew up in a home where French and Spanish were habitually spoken and trips to France were not rare. Thus she was bilingual and bi-cultural. All churches, seminaries, convents and Catholic schools were closed. All religious instruction and outward signs of religion were outlawed under penalty of prison, exile, or death. Maguy was still a young child when she began hearing about Catholic people being sought out, captured, and killed. Those captured were imprisoned, tortured, and put to death without any trial. While he was in hiding, he taught Maguy Christian doctrine, then gave her First Communion and Confirmation. Maguy did not wait until she grew up to teach others about God. Gathering her pupils in a hidden corner of the vast garden of her home, she taught them what she had learned about God, adding stories, songs, and prayers. Then she gave them candy. The classes became popular, and attendance increased every Saturday. Aymes decided to extend them. For this purpose she used an empty house which belonged to a friend. For years she provided every week to an average of children food and fun plus religious instruction. With her remarkable creativity Mrs. Aymes also organized classes in that same house to educate illiterate working women. Then she founded in Mexico the movement called " Les Cadettes du Christ ". Based on the French organization, this movement trained and encouraged young Catholic women of society who had completed their studies to use their time and talents to help the destitute through various services. The Cadettes flourished for over 30 years. The program lasted four years. Education During the persecution all Catholic schools in Mexico were closed. Families gathered their children in small groups of about the same age, to be schooled at home. Maguy, with five of her friends, was taught at home by different tutors. As soon as the persecution eased in , religious women began to return incognito to Mexico to open small private schools. Maguy was then enrolled in the academy run by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, where she earned her high school degree. Although state inspectors frequently visited the school to be sure that no religious instruction was being given, in fact the entire atmosphere was religious and students learned about religion as part of history and literature. Later on, Maguy took various college-level courses offered by professors of literature and theology. Religious Vocation and Formation By Maguy dreamed of being a Missionary as well as a religious educator. Since as yet there were no novitiates opened in Mexico, the question arose, where could she go to be trained? Maguy wrote to them, asking for information. She liked the brochures she received, which explained the spirit of the Helpers, who had missions in many parts of the world. Based on the doctrine of the Communion of Saints, their spirituality was to minister to the most needy people in the world as a way of helping those who after their death were still going through their purification in purgatory. A retreat directed by Archbishop Ruiz y Flores confirmed her desire to belong to the Society of

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Helpers. At the age of 19 she bade farewell to her family and numerous friends many of whom began to bet she would return home within months , and left for the American Novitiate of the Helpers, located then at Chappaqua, New York. At the end of three years of preparation for her future ministry, Maguy pronounced her first temporary vows in , and was given the religious name of Sister Maria de la Cruz Mary of the Cross. Normally, young Helpers were sent after their Novitiate to Paris, to study and continue their formation. There she joined an international community of Helpers: This was a wonderful experience for Sr. Maria, who had never before been in contact with their race and culture. After a year, since war was still raging in Europe, Sr. Maria was sent to San Francisco. During her four-year stay she took an extensive program in nursing at St. Benedict the Moor, the parish for Black Catholics. The war ended in Maria, with other young Helpers, sailed from New York to France. The House of "Tertiarity" [formation before final vows] was located near Paris in the nearly demolished town of Pontoise. She stayed there for a year. Her mission was primarily to care for the sick, elderly poor, who had suffered the most from the ravages of war, and to teach catechism to malnourished and nerve-wracked French children. Foundation in Mexico On September 6, , Sr. Maria de la Cruz made her final profession of vows in Versailles, France. The following day the Superior General summoned her and told her she was to sail back to the United States. From there she was to go to Mexico City with two other sisters for the foundation of the first Mexican Convent of Helpers. Maria was happy to return to her country and see her family. She was also filled with pity and compassion upon seeing the poverty of the people she was to help. She was responsible for the organization of a free clinic, Dispensario de la Providencia , administered by the Helpers, to care for the needs of poor Indians in the outskirts of Mexico City. Countless families lived near the city dump, picking their daily food from what the garbage trucks had collected. Sickness and malnutrition were rampant among the children and adults who came every day to the clinic. Besides this nursing ministry, Sr. Maria taught catechism to the illiterate children and adults of the area. There was no church nor school in that region, so classes were held in the local cemetery. Not comfortable, but certainly conducive to silence and good behavior! These contacts with people of different races, cultures, and nationalities enabled Sr. Maria not only to become trilingual, but also to acquire a wide experience in teaching children and adults in challenging situations. This enabled her to discover the essential elements of a good catechesis. These principles shaped her future catechetical ministry: Know the students, their culture, and the situation in which they live; Teach them in a way that helps them experience the value of faith; Lead them to respond with joy to the "Good News of Jesus Christ" both in prayer and action. Origin of On Our Way Sr. Maria de la Cruz was called to the United States in , on temporary assignment, to replace a Helper in San Francisco as supervisor of catechetics in the Archdiocesan Department of Education. Her duty was to evaluate the quality of the weekly religion classes offered to Catholic children attending public schools. She began visiting parishes, then listed her observations: Maria reported to the Director of Catechetics her observations. He listened and asked her, "What positive suggestions and help can you offer the parishes? We do not have books written for these children. We do not have enough trained catechists. Purple pages flowed off the mimeograph machines, more and more each week, as parish after parish adopted her program. Finally the Archdiocese told her to find a publisher. One day a grizzled wisp of a man with a thick Austrian accent came to her office and asked to see what she had written. He took a copy with him, and a couple of weeks later wrote back the simple statement, "So much work, so poorly done. Storming into the office of Monsignor James Brown, Superintendent of Schools, she thundered, "Who does that man think he is? She did not know. That is what he is teaching at the University of Notre Dame. You might actually learn something from him. Maria swallowed her pride and sensed it was important to listen to Fr. This decision was pivotal for her future work, which within a few years took on an international dimension. At her invitation Fr. As her mentor, he guided her to outline the goals and content of a series of twelve books for children and their teachers, grades 1 through 6. The creation of the On Our Way Series took five full years.

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