

Perform the Doing of It

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III: _____ the Potential

Why should Christians willfully invest themselves and their finances into missions?

A. the need is _____

B. the _____ that has been given to us (2 Cor. 10:13-16)

Our measure is that small slice of the world that God has carved out for us to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God's desire is that our measure continue to expand through supporting missionaries.

C. it is Christ's _____ (2 Cor. 10:15)

To realize the potential of our Faith Promise is to realize that we can expand BEYOND our measure here in Kalispell. And when we see the potential it makes keeping our promise all the more important.

What greater work is there than seeing souls saved? While feeding the hungry and clothing the poor are certainly good things, the business of the church ought to revolve around leading lost souls to Jesus Christ – both here in Kalispell ... and *unto the uttermost part of the earth* - there is no greater work.

Remember your promise – receive God's provision to help you keep your promise – and realize the potential of your promise.



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2 Cor. 8:11

So far, in our pre-missions conference series we have seen God's plan for evangelizing the world and the example of faith promise in the Macedonian's giving.

Today, as we wrap up our series, we conclude with Paul's challenge and instruction to the Corinthian church to keep their previous promise to help support the saints at Jerusalem.

This morning we'll see three thoughts to help us perform the keeping of our faith promise.

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I: _____ the Promise that was Made

Christians who make a faith promise are often visited by doubt, regret, and fear thus causing them to fail in keeping their promise. When this happens the Christian is wise to remember some things in how the promise was made. Remember ...

- A. the _____ of how the promise was made
- the promise was made _____ (9:2a)
 - the promise was made _____ (9:2b)
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Remember ...

- B. Failure threatens _____: 2 Cor. 9:3-4

Our testimony is threatened if we fail to honor sacred promises made to the Lord and to our missionaries.

Remember ...

- C. God's _____ about our promise:
Ecc. 5:2-5, Deut. 23:21-23

It is critical to understand that your Faith Promise is not made to the church or to the Pastor but rather it is made to God to God first and then to the missionary.

To perform the doing of it, don't let doubt, regret, and fear prevent you from keeping your promise. Remember that when you made the promise, it was made willingly and zealously by way of prayer and the Holy Spirit's leading. Remember that failure to keep the promise could result in a damaged testimony before men and before God. And remember God's attitude toward your promise. He loves seeing us step out by faith and giving either by abundance, sacrificially, or by the easiest way to give ... by faith.

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II: _____ God's Provision

A. God will _____ the grace of giving God had bestowed His grace on the Macedonian's giving (2 Cor. 8:1) but Paul instructs the Corinthian believers that God's grace of giving is also available to them (2 Cor. 9:8) if they will simply give with the right heart.

- B. God _____ His grace through the Christian

Since grace giving is a gift from God we should expect that God will exercise it through the recipient. As God provides seed to the sower (2 Cor. 9:10), He also provides Christians with the means to make sacrifices or give by faith.

- C. through giving the _____ of the giver are supplied for by God.

The Christian that allows the Lord to exercise the grace giving through them will receive an enlarged opportunity to be used, will be involved in reaching souls around the world, and will experience and extension of their own personal ministry.

To perform the doing of it, we must understand that it is only by way of God's provision that we are able to keep our faith promise. And by way of our giving with the right heart and intent we are obligating God to provide for our needs beyond our promise.
