

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, with fingers interlaced. The hands are positioned centrally, with the left hand slightly behind the right. The skin tone is light, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the fingers. The background is a dark, out-of-focus blue-grey.

The Faith-Promise Plan of Missions Giving

WHY SHOULD WE GIVE?

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

2 Cor. 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 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.

What is *Faith-Promise Missions Giving* and *Faith-Promise Commitment*?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UenSKfkP_A

Faith = confidence or trust in a person or thing: belief that is not based on proof:

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/faith?s=t>

Heb. 11:1 Now **faith is** the substance of **things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Promise = a declaration that something will or will not be done, given, etc., by one: something that has the effect of an express assurance; indication of what may be expected - indication of future excellence or achievement: something that is promised.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/promise>

Rom. 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And **being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie, promised** before the world began;

Heb. 6:12 That ye **be not slothful**, but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

Commitment = the act of committing, pledging, or engaging oneself – a pledge or promise; obligation: engagement; involvement:
<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/commitment?s=t>

Job 5:8 I would seek unto God, and **unto God would I commit my cause:**

Psa. 37:5 **Commit thy way unto the LORD**; trust also in him; and he shall bring [it] to pass.

Prov. 16:3 **Commit thy works unto the LORD**, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, **who will commit to your trust the true riches?**

Psa. 10:14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: **the poor committeth himself unto thee**; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

I. FAITH-PROMISE IS A METHOD OF GIVING TO SUPPORT WORLD EVANGELISM

A. A Plan – 2 Cor. 9:2a “For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was **ready a year ago...**”

2 Cor. 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of **the grace of God** bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; ...

7 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. ...**

9 For ye know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that, though **he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. ...**

Jn. 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

B. A Provision – 2 Cor. 8:21 **Providing for honest things**, not only in the sight of the Lord, **but also in the sight of men**.

C. A Partnership – 2 Cor. 8:23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is my partner* and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.

D. A Provocation – 2 Cor. 9:2b “...and your zeal hath **provoked** very many.”

II. FAITH-PROMISE IS A MEANS OF GRACE FOR SOULS IN WORLD EVANGELISM

A. A Power

2 Cor. 8:3 For **to their power**, I bear record, yea, and **beyond their power** *they were* willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 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**.

B. A Performance

2 Cor. 8:11 Now therefore **perform the doing of it**; that as *there was* a readiness to will, **so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have**.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted **according to that a man hath**, *and* not according to that he hath not.

- We pray, asking the Lord to lay on our heart the amount for us to trust Him, for us to give.
- We trust the answer, of the amount to give weekly, is God's will.
- We do our part, give, by faith, of what we have, to the Lord via our church.
- The Lord is true and faithful, and we trust His faithfulness, that He will do His part.
- The power, for us to “perform the doing of it” is by the grace of God.
- God gets the glory for what He has done THROUGH us!

III. FAITH-PROMISE IS MOTIVATED BY GLORIFYING THE SAVIOR VIA WORLD EVANGELISM

A. A Proof

2 Cor. 8:8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and **to prove the sincerity of your love**.

2 Cor. 8:24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, **the proof of your love**, and of our boasting on your behalf.

B. A Purpose

2 Cor. 9:6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 **Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give**; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Conclusion

2 Cor. 9:8 And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you**; that ye, **always having all sufficiency** in all *things*, **may abound to every good work**:

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that **your labour is not in vain in the Lord**.

Heb. 10:23 Let us **hold fast the profession of our faith** without wavering; (for **he is faithful that promised**;))