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Personal Message from the desk of Pastor William Dawson

A young lady was listening to a well-known preacher as he spoke about the principle of **Seed-Faith** giving. He explained how we can sow financial seeds and expect a harvest of blessings to follow. This particular young lady wanted to get married, so she wrote out a check for \$58, handed it to the preacher, and said, "I am planting this seed for a godly husband." As the preacher received her check, he questioned her regarding her actions. First, he wanted to know, what kind of husband was she expecting to receive based on an offering of \$58. The issue was not the amount of money. The issue was the significance of her faith. Was she just playing a game with God, throwing Him a bone, while expecting a bountiful harvest? Did the \$58 represent a significant sacrifice on her part, or was the \$58 representative of what she was comfortable giving? Was she intentionally giving the least amount possible while expecting the maximum return – a godly husband? It turned out that her \$58 seed was not an expression of her faith; it was a statement of her lack of faith. She really did not believe God was going to answer her prayer, but just in case, she would put some money on the table. Her \$58 gift was a safe bet.

Do not miss the real point of this story. I have stated over and over again that you cannot buy a miracle from God. Miracles are not for sale for any amount of money, or sacrifice. The real issue is whether or not you are acting in faith when you give. For this young lady, her gift of \$58 dollars was a statement of her lack of faith, because \$58 was not a significant gift from her. If she really believed God would help her find a good man she would have been willing to "invest" a whole lot more. The money she gave meant nothing to her. There was no spiritual or emotional connection to her giving. The \$58 seed was a very small part of her play money. It was what we sometimes call "chump change." It was not connected to her hearts desire. It was the kind of offering she could give, and quickly forget because it cost her nothing.

As you look at giving to Spirit of Life this month, consider what you are doing. I am not writing you to ask for more money. God has promised to meet every need of our fellowship. I am writing because I want you to experience more of God's blessings. I have discovered I receive more of God's blessings in my life when my faith is attached to my giving. I have learned that God responds to my faith. My faith is seen in my actions. I demonstrate my faith by taking significant actions. I show my faith by making a decision, and then acting on it. This month as you plan to give to Spirit of Life, make a decision to plant a seed that demonstrate your faith in God.

As you give in faith, expect God to give concepts, insights and ideas in return to your faith action. I believe God will release million dollar ideas to a number of individuals reading this letter. However, the million dollar concepts, insights, or ideas will do you little good until you take the correct actions. If you

do not make the right decisions based on those concepts, insights, or ideas, nothing much will happen. Your life will not change. You may even begin to blame God for your lack of progress.

The God we serve is real. He is still able to do exceedingly above all you can ever ask or think. He still moves in this earth according to His power. Stay focused on Him. Let Him lead, and guide you. Let Him direct your paths. Be honest with Him, and yourself. Examine your heart. Do you truly trust Him? Are you depending on His help? Do you believe He wants to help you? Are you growing in your relationship with Him, or are you just seeking more temporary things? When you love Him more than what He gives you, you are then in the place where miracles happen.

This month we are celebrating one of our latest miracles – one of our givers received a \$10,000 increase just last month (June 2007). In one of our worship services I prophesied that someone listening to me should begin to believe God for a \$10,000 increase. They believed. They received. Now it is time for you to believe, and receive.

Remember, **we have only three months left in this special season.** God laid on my heart that during this season, He would be releasing miracles in the lives of our supporters. You will always be able to give to Spirit of Life, and help the vision become a reality. However during this special season I am asking you to give **without limiting what you give or how often you give. (There are only three months left)**. You are to be free to give over, and above what you would normally give. Based on what the Lord spoke to my spirit, this season for **special miracles on your giving** would begin April 10, 2007 and go thru September 28, 2007.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you again for your faithfulness. I am praying for your success in every area of life.

May God continue to bless you.

Pastor William Dawson