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### **“Cast Thy Bread”**

Some people love to give while others only want to receive. There is no guessing required to know which one of these would be pleasing to the Lord. Giving to the church should be something we want to do, not something we feel is a burden. Notice the words of II Corinthians 9:7 where Paul said, **“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”** Financial support of the church is a responsibility of God’s children who have been blessed with a sweet resting place while living out our lives in this temporal world. But, we also need to give freely of our time, effort, and prayers to the maintenance of the church so that it will be a healthy body of believers.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, **“Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.”** We often sing a song with these words and it always makes me pause and ponder the truths it holds. In seeking to be disciples of Christ, casting our bread upon the waters is good admonition which points us in the right direction of keeping the commandments of God - Not in order to receive anything in return, but because of all the blessings He has already bestowed upon us. We should endeavor to use this principle both in the church and in dealing with aspects of life.

*“Blessed are the saints who render,  
Faithful services of love.*

*To the Lord’s dear little children,  
As they seek those things above.*

*Blessed are the who give freely,  
Of their substance, and their time.*

*for god loves a cheerful giver,  
And their joy shall be sublime.”*

*(The Blessed Service Of Love - R.H. Pittman - J. Harvey Daily, Old School Hymnal, p. 148)*

If you are not “*casting your bread upon the waters*” it is a good time to start. But, we must do so willingly, not expecting anything in return. However, the promise of God is that we will be taken care of when the need arises “**for he is faithful that promised**” (Hebrews 10:23). “**Think About It!**”