



The Gift of Oneself.

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Alleluia!

- *Come and thank God for what you have done for Him all this year.*

Most of our thanksgivings is what God has done for us, what God has given to us, and occasionally what God has done in us. I want us to thank God for what God has done through us. Jesus said "it is more blessed to give than to receive", you should rejoice ten times more for what you have given than what you have received. What you have received is not a blessing as much as what has come out of you. Measure your life by what flowed out of it. Measure your life by the flow from you. The flow from you to God, the flow from you to others, not what has flowed into you. God wants you to be a river, not a lake. God wants you to be a river, flowing, overflowing, always flowing towards God, towards the church, towards the world.

It is what flows from you that is called your ministry. Your ministry is not what you think, your ministry is not what you like, it is not what you say it is, your ministry is what flows from you, what people who come near you get, that is your true ministry. So, what flows from you. A real Bible teacher is not the one on the stage, it is not the blackboard that makes a teacher. I had a principle who told me while strolling that: my little friend, the capacity to get to the top does not depend on talents, it depends on hard work, he told me again: the streets of the universe are littered with genius who never disciplined themselves to work hard, he told me: no president of the world is a genius". When I became a believer, I began to hear brother Zach teaching us the same things. When you are a teacher, you are always teaching, it is in you. Your interactions are pedagogic; you don't wait for chalk and you don't wait for a classroom. When I went to greet him and to thank him for building me when I saw him, he was around 84 then, he told me: Theodore, be like Zach, he was a holy man and he carried God. He told me, he came into this room and the presence of God covered the whole hall, be like him. Then he told me: I have been your teacher, I want you to know, that for sixty years, I have never been late to church. If you want to learn something from me, I have never been late to church". Maybe your own teacher was a drunker, so he did not give you high standards. All I am trying to say is that a real teacher does not only in a classroom, he is always teaching, your ministry is what flows out of you. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Don't measure life by what you have received, measure life by what flows.

CT Studd thanked God for giving up fame, for giving his fortune for the gospel and for risking his life for the call of God on his life. When you come at the evening of your life, what would you thank God for?

This evening, until April 2016 this year, since 2009, after brother Zach went, I have preached 1248 evangelistic campaigns, it is an average of 178 per year. I am happy that God enabled me to do that.

This morning, I was asking God for a miracle. We have already given 60 sums to the Lord this year, I am pleasing with God that it will get to 72. When we go to heaven, I used to tell sister Adela, that when we get to heaven, God will line up all his children, all the meat you have eaten, the cows will come out of your mouth. From some people's stomachs, about 100 cows will march out. Will you be happy at the number of cows

that will come out of your stomach, not to count the chicken and all the goat and pigs that will come out, your stomach will be like Noah's ark, will you be happy on that day about all the luxury of your life? Will you be happy about the numbers of bags of rice that you buried in your stomach? Will it make you happy on that day? The things that build our natural body, will you carry them into eternity?

- *Pray that the brethren will change the way they think about their lives so that they will follow what Jesus said: that a life of flowing, giving, is more blessed than a life of accumulation.*
- Pray for what you must do before the year ends

We need to become very familiar with our co-workers.

- Pray and bless the missionaries and their work.