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Daniel 5:17

“Then Daniel answered and said to the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.” Daniel 5:17

Integrity of heart! Integrity before God and before man!

The man of God must never be moved by gifts or bribes! His ministry must be free from favoritism and the lure of gain. Such traps are everywhere – it is good then that we have an internal Guide Who constantly helps us and warns us about our own motivations, weaknesses, and vices. Listen to Him and obey Him!

There is nothing inherently wrong in receiving gifts from others – in fact, it is a grace of God to be able to receive from others and it is one of the God ordained methods of increasing His people. “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you measure it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)

Nevertheless, guard yourself lest you use your position of trust to manipulate others into giving. Such gifts – though God may still bless the giver – will turn to “gravel in your mouth.” And further, such gifts may begin to cloud your unbiased judgment. It is not your place to play favorites. (James 2:19).

“But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, that I will take nothing from a thread to a sandal strap and that will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, “I have made Abram rich...” (Genesis 14:22 – 23).

“My son, trust in the LORD alone. Look to His hand not a man’s hand for your provision. He will not fail you, and in so doing, you will have “possessed your own soul.”

Selah!”

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