

# PARTNER LETTER AUGUST 2008

Dear Partner

## WHEN GOD BLESSES YOU

1 Timothy 6.17-18 Living Bible *Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.*

18 *Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need; always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.*

Everything you have, God gave it to you so don't get egotistical over it thinking you did it! God gives you everything richly to enjoy but don't trust in the things trust in Him.

Elijah discovered that when the brook dried up [1 Kings 17]. God was still his source and He had prepared for Elijah ahead of time. Like Elijah the most important thing you have is your relationship with God. Anything you put in front of that you will eventually lose.

You may say *'What is it you are saying today Norman?'*

Simply this, if your possessions are just a status symbol or a security blanket, then you've missed it.

Matthew 10.7-9 KJV *"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

8 *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

9 *Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,"*

My greatest joy in life has not really been what I have acquired but what I've been able to give, and the problems I've been able to help people solve. My attitude today is that I want God to bless me so much every time I reach for my cheque -book the devil starts to tremble. If a man proves himself faithful with little he will be entrusted with much.

Remember you are in covenant relationship with your Heavenly Father and a covenant is the strongest relationship that you can enter into. Elizabeth and I have a Marriage Covenant relationship that cannot be broken, because the word *covenant* means to *bind together*. In the Old Testament when a covenant agreement was entered into, sometimes they would exchange swords signifying that they would always defend each other and fight for each other. Other times they would pass a sandal between them meaning they would go any distance to help each other. Then they would take an animal sacrifice, split it down the middle and walk between the halves, signifying they were one and without each other they would be incomplete.

Now God has entered into a covenant to bless you: Deuteronomy 12.7 NIV *"There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you."*

Your covenant promises health, safety, prosperity, guidance, victory, if you obey the rules as God laid them down. If you are not being blessed check if you are obeying the rules!

God put the rules into the Ark of The Covenant and when Israel went to war, the Ark went before them and nobody could stand up to them.

The covenant was their power source, God himself was their leader in the battle and He is the leader in your life also.

The [covenant](#) sword [Ephesians 6.17] is God's promise to fight for you, the [covenant](#) sandal [Ephesians 6.15] says that no matter how far you have gone just call and He will come to your assistance, the [covenant](#) sacrifice [John 3.16] means you are an heir [Romans 8.17] to all that He has promised [Romans 4.13].

In His Power and love

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