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WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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More Blessed to Give

Though the gospel historians did not record these words of Jesus, the apostle Paul affirmed that they came from the Savior: “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Ac 20:35). The principle certainly fits the tenor of His teaching – and His life.

Yet, many in our society have come to expect – or even demand – free goodies. Politicians have conditioned their constituents to expect more and more ‘free’ stuff, in exchange for votes. And sadly, many are willing to play the game. So, what’s wrong with that? Let’s itemize.

1) Government exists fundamentally to provide a stable society – upholding good and punishing evil (Ro 13:1-7). It was never designed to be a nanny. 2) Enabling a dependent behavior does much more harm than good in the long run. God demands responsibility and accountability from each of us, regardless of background or socio-economic status (Ro 2:9-11, Ac 10:34-35). 3) A constant diet of donations leads to ingratitude and a ‘you-owe-it-to-me’ attitude (2 Ti 3:2). And, 4) perhaps most of all, it detracts from the heart of service that ought to characterize God’s children. In the end, it’s not about us – it’s about others. Look again at Jesus – and learn.

Another Perspective

CRABBY OLD MAN

What do you see people? What do you see?

What are you thinking when you look at me?
A crabby old man, who's not very wise,
With uncertain habits and faraway eyes?

Who dribbles his food and makes no reply,
When you say with loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!"
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes; you're not looking at me.

I'm a small child of ten, with father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another;
A groom soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap,
Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.

A strong man at thirty, my young growing fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At forty, my young ones have grown and are gone,
But, my wife is beside me to see I don't mourn.

At fifty, once more babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children, my loved one and me.
For my young are all rearing small young of their own.
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.

Dark days are upon me, my wife is now dead.
I look in the mirror and shudder with dread.
The body, it crumbles. Grace and vigor depart.
There now is a stone where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass a young guy still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells.
So open your eyes, people, open and see,
Not a crabby old man. Look closer. See ME!!

Author Unknown

Just Thinkin'

"This, too, shall pass" is one of those 'scriptures' from the book of Imaginations (one of those 'It's-in-thar-somewheres' passages). But, at least this one conveys a Biblical truth. If we are talking about events of this life, then they shall pass.

Of course, there is a lesson in this for those who are struggling with life's difficulties. Whether physical, financial, mental, or emotional - it shall pass in time. Even congregational difficulties seem to go in cycles. Tough times do get better.

But, there are other lessons here as well. There is a lesson for the individual who is living in the lap of luxury: 'This, too, shall pass'. For those who are walking in sin and selfishness: 'This, too, shall pass'. And, for those who turn a blind eye to those in need: 'This, too, shall pass'. Life under the sun is a temporary condition - regardless of rank.

Only heaven and hell - and the souls that inhabit them - shall endure. We would do well to prepare for that eternal habitation - one that shall NOT pass. Think about it.