

2 Peter 3:8

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

I remember a few years ago that I was at church, and we were talking about the awesome growth that the Lord had been doing in the church and how we were outgrowing our (The Lord's) church building. So we have been praying about and seeking what to do as far as; do we add to the church by building onto the church giving us more room, or do we build a new church on the property we are at, or even look for a new lot and building to move to?

But the pastor said that he had felt the Lord was telling us that we need to go from two services to three services. We were all in agreement with this and knew it's the right thing to do, as the Lord is continuing to add to the church weekly, and if He give us a new building or the finances to build, then that's up to Him. But for now, we need to use the gift of "time" that He has provided for us.

But as the pastor was saying this, it brought to mind how we limit the Lord. We were thinking "space", but the Lord was thinking "time", and I was reminded that the Lord is Lord of both Time and Space.

† **Acts 17:26 (MSG) *Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living.***

But we were just focusing on one attribute of God, which was space, or in our case, space for people to be in a building. When we do that we limit God, yet God is God who created time and space, as well as so many other things that we never think of, because they are so common that we focus on one thing... Like Money, I need money or more money. But God never worries about money, and He has so many different ways of providing for us that doesn't cost money, but our solution seems to be money, which would be in our case money for a bigger building. But God says, "Money is not the issue, I have also given you time, so let Me deal with the building, but you use the time I have given you more wisely."

Maybe you have been seeking the Lord and praying about certain things, yet in your thinking and even in your prayers, you are limiting God with just one of His attributes or ways of doing things. Maybe God has a much better plan for you and your situation, one that will blow your mind once He does it. I know I have seen God do things in my life and in others lives, and can only think, "*WOW, that is GOD doing that. I never would have thought of that in a million years.*" Yet we limit God, and I sometimes wonder if we miss seeing His blessings, because we are looking for the wrong answer as the blessing?

Lord, I need this job, or I want to marry that person, or I want to move here, or I need this new car, or Doesn't the bible tell us that,

† ***“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 (NLT2)***

Notice it never says that God will take care of your needs the way you want Him to, but rather ***“from his glorious riches”*** which tells me that it's from His resources, not man's, and from His Awesome way and wisdom of doing things. If God can create the earth and the heavens and billions of stars and plants, why do we worry that He can't provide or create for us all that we need.

Even when God has called you to do something for His kingdom, He does not say, Now I want you to do this, or go here but you are on your own. I'm just telling you what to do, but you need to find your own resources. Nooooooooooooooooooooo He doesn't. I love what Pastor Chuck Smith used to say, which was *“Where God guides, God provides.”* God will never call you to do something for His Glory and not provide what you need to do it. Once again, I think our problem is that we are looking to tell God how to provide or expecting Him to provide a certain way, when He has a much better way.

Even with our eternity, we know we are saved by Grace, yet how often do we tend to want to add to it by doing things, thinking it will help lock in our way into heaven? We know this next verse and can quote it, but once again, do we live it and believe it? If we do, then why do we try and do things our own way or add to God's way?

† ***Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.***

So, simply be thankful that God is your God and Savior, and that He has called you, yes you, and all of us as believers to be a part of His work for His Kingdom, and if He has called us to do for His Kingdom and Glory, know that He will provide for it as well. If you don't see it, it could be that you are looking for the wrong thing as the provision. You may be looking for a huge building, when He is telling you that He has already provided you with more time, and that's what you need to use more wisely for now. If you don't know what it is, or if you can't see it, ask God to show you so that you can use wisdom in what He has already provided for you.

† ***Ephesians 1:8-10 (MSG) He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.***

- † **John 14:12-14** *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*
- † **John 15:7-8** *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*