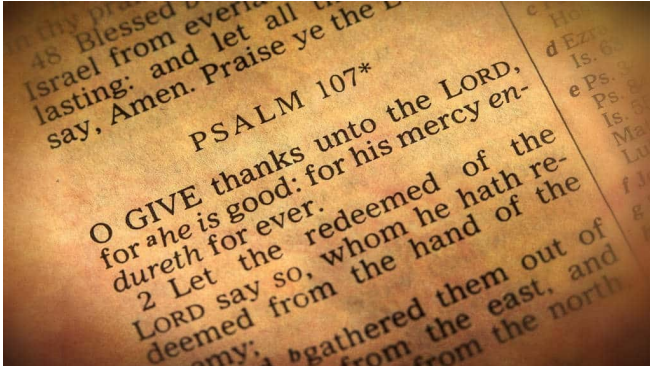


Spreading the **WORD** Ministry



THANKSGIVING

For *Spreading the **WORD*** Ministry, the month of November is not merely a time to reflect on what we've received and what we are thankful for, but a season to respond to God's call and give with open hands and joyful hearts.

The story is told of a little town beginning to rebuild at the end of a war torn Middle East region. Among the empty houses and cracked foundations stood an old olive tree in the square. The tree was gnarled and low, older than grandmothers' stories. People said it had weathered every storm and still survived. The town's children said it bore the sweetest oil. No one owned the tree; it simply belonged to everyone.

One autumn, a young widow named Hannah with a boy on her hip and a single satchel entered the town. She was welcomed with cautious kindness. Hannah found work mending nets, but the wages were small and winter crept near. One evening, a neighbor offered her a copper coin for bread. Hannah clutched it, thinking of her son's thin coat, and then remembered Jesus' words about giving and receiving.

Hannah walked to the square and stood beneath the olive tree. She took the coin from her pocket and plucked a single ripe olive from a low branch. The olive was hardly more than a taste. However, Hannah shared the olive with her son and then went to the bakery and gave the coin to the baker and asked him to bake bread for the orphan children for breakfast the next morning. She told no one.

Word of that quiet gift moved like sunlight through the town. The baker, touched by Hannah's trust, baked the loaf of bread and delivered it the next morning to the widow who was raising three orphans. The widow, whose cupboard had been bare, shared her portion with a tired mason who had been up all night repairing roofs. The mason, in turn, fixed an old woman's leaking door. The old woman, who remembered a distant day when a stranger had fed her, brought a warm blanket to Hannah's son.

Days later, the town awoke to find the olive tree dripping with new fruit, though no branch could have produced so quickly. People said it was a miracle; others said it was God's blessing. They did not know which was truer. What they knew was this: Hannah's small act of faith had multiplied into a winter of mercy. From that day forward the town taught the children that giving is not measured by wealth but by the willingness to give.

Giving is not a suggestion; it is a divine commandment. It is woven into the very fabric of our faith, a reflection of the character of God Himself. From Genesis to Revelation, the **Word** of God reveals a generous Father who gives abundantly and calls His children to do the same. We read *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..."* —Luke 6:38 (KJV)

The Bible is clear: giving is not optional. It is an act of obedience, a spiritual discipline, and a tangible expression of love. Giving is not about the size of the gift, but the spirit behind it. A widow's mite, a child's offering, a volunteer's time—all are precious in the sight of God. And when given in faith, all are returned multiplied, not just in material ways, but in peace, joy, and spiritual growth. When we give it is a test of our priorities, a mirror of our devotion, and a seed that bears eternal fruit. It is a promise from God that our obedience will unlock blessings beyond measure. In Malachi 3:10, the Lord challenges His people: *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."*

This November, we are reminded that our giving fuels a mission far greater than ourselves. Through your support, *Spreading the **WORD*** reaches souls in Africa, Asia, South America, and beyond. Souls are leads to Jesus and lives are changed, all because someone chose to give.

Whether it's a financial donation, a prayer lifted, or a volunteer hour offered, your gift becomes part of a global tapestry of grace. We may never know this side of heaven the changes brought about, all because you gave. The Bible tells us *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*—Matthew 6:19:21 (KJV)

Let's make this November a month of movement—a movement of hearts stirred by the Spirit, hands extended in service, and lives changed by the power of generosity.

**"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing
by the **WORD** of God." Romans 10:17**

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A Vision of Love

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They just were so annoying. David would bring his elderly mother, Anne, to my office ostensibly for medical care. But it was so painful to endure as their physician.

Everything seemed to be an argument with them. They would bicker about how she felt. They would debate the presence or absence of symptoms. Both were hard of hearing, and so any conversation seemed to drag on endlessly.

Every time I left the room, I felt grateful for my escape, but frustrated because I thought nothing was accomplished.

And what's with that relationship? He's a grown man who seemingly never had a real job, having cared for his mother his entire life. It seemed so unusual as she approached 100 years of age. He never left?

But one day, Anne suddenly got sick, and she died the following morning from an overwhelming infection. She was suddenly gone.

David came to my office just a couple of weeks later for a routine appointment.

And as one of my dumbest questions of my career, I asked him, "Do you get any sense of relief that she's gone?"

"I don't. You see, I loved her. I gave up my art career for her so that I could care for her after she had a stroke all those years ago, when I was still in my 20s."

With that, he whips out his cell phone and shows me some of his drawings. They are exquisite, displaying highly detailed pencil work that demonstrates his understanding of both nature and humanity, as he can capture the essence of both with just a simple pencil.

After he showed me his stunning art portfolio, he looked up at me and proclaimed, "And I would do it again if I had to."

Suddenly, it hit me. He wasn't living with her for free rent or out of pathological fear of the world. What I thought was bickering was actually love. It was pure, unadulterated love that was sacrificial in nature, just like Jesus's love for us.

He sacrificed everything for her, just like our Savior, Jesus Christ.

And I was too stupid to see it.

WE JUST LOVE TO GET MAIL

Our hearts are uplifted by a simple yet powerful gesture, a handwritten letter from a faithful supporter of Spreading the WORD Ministry. The words of encouragement, prayers, and affirmation reminded us that this work is not carried alone. It is sustained by believers who share the vision of proclaiming the Gospel across borders and generations.

To all who have written, thank you. Your support fuels the mission and strengthens our resolve. Let us continue, hand in hand, heart to heart, pressing forward with joy. The harvest is plentiful, and together, we are making an eternal difference. We would love to hear from you too. Please send us a note in the enclosed envelope, we would love to hear from you.



Dear Spreading the WORD, Thank you for the Romans Road in your last newsletter. I put it in my Bible, and will use it for my personal ministry. A fine "tool" For ministry. It's in my "toolbox" Thank You, P.J. Bunkie, LA

Hello, My husband and I to hear the preaching of Bro. Buck when we are home to hear it via radio. God's word is so convicting especially in Brother Buck's sermons. We thank you for all you do. N> Pittsfield, MA PS Forgot to mention... I love the songs that are sung on the program.

I really appreciate the message on Sunday morning when I am not able to attend church. God Bless you for you are doing. In Christian Love, R. C Oklahoma

Thank you, Brother Buck for your ministry! I am listening@ KGMS 940am J. Heilman, Tucson, AZ



EXCITING CHANGES AHEAD FOR OUR ONLINE MINISTRY PRESENCE

We're thrilled to share an important update regarding our digital home. As Spreading the WORD ministry continues to grow and reach hearts around the world, we're preparing for a major transformation of our website to better serve you and expand our global impact.

Our current website, spreadingthewordministry.org, will soon transition to a new and more streamlined address: stwm.online. This change reflects our commitment to making the ministry more accessible, modern, and equipped for the future. While the old site remains active for now, we encourage you to begin using stwm.online and make note of this update.

Over the next few months, we'll be rolling out a completely redesigned website experience. The new platform will feature:

- A growing library of sermons and teachings from Bro. Buck and other anointed voices
- Enhanced tools for sharing the Gospel across borders and languages
- Easier access to newsletters, ministry updates, and volunteer opportunities
- New media features to help you engage with the Word in fresh, dynamic ways

We're excited about what's coming, and we'll continue to remind you as the transition unfolds. Our goal is to make this shift as smooth and inspiring as possible. Whether you've been with us since the beginning or just recently joined the mission, your prayers and support are the heartbeat of this ministry.

Please bookmark stwm.online, share it with others, and stay tuned for more updates. We believe this new chapter will open doors for deeper connection, broader outreach, and greater spiritual growth.

As Psalm 96:3 declares, "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!" That is our mission—and with your help, we're pressing forward with renewed strength and vision.

Thank you for walking with us. The best is yet to come! In His service, Spreading the WORD Ministry Team

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