

An Interesting Thought!

Hey there people. I've been trying to write this page for the last few days, and every time I tried, it kept coming out wrong, or kept getting the "banging your head against the brick wall" phenomenon, if you understand what I mean. I guessed that maybe I was trying too hard, and not letting what God wanted me to say to come through. Well, finally, I saw it sat right under my nose, and it's all coming out now. So what's the thought?!

In this throw-away society, there are still a lot of people who throw away material things that still have life left in them. Things that could be repaired, re-used, recycled, or given to people who could really use them, even if the items may be not be in perfect condition, or brand new.

I remember hearing a lovely verse many many years ago. I never forgot it, but I can't recall all of it or where it's from, nor who wrote it, but it goes like this : For only what you give away enriches you from day to day. It doesn't say to throw away, it says give away. This doesn't just relate to material goods, it applies to everything. Time, money, love, a smile, the items of clothing that you wore only a couple of times then decided you no longer liked, the love that God has shown you. Give them all away, and you may be surprised by what happens. We give a lot of time and energy away, as well as material things now and again. I'm not suggesting for a moment that you give away everything you own. But here's an example of maybe why you should consider giving.

An unusual man called John Wimber turned up at a church we know well. He brought with him a whole team of people. The leader of the church they were visiting, David Pytches by name, was worried about how to cover the cost of this trans-atlantic visit. John told him that all he was required to do was to give away anything that he received. So, slowly, he did as he was bid, because he was concerned it might be considered too radical an idea for the Church of England. David's first visit was to our old church in Nailsea. This visit to Nailsea went so well that David and his team could not wait to get back to the safety of their church in London. Gradually, David and his team learned to give away the gifts that they had received from John's visit and a wonderful ministry was born. Anyone who has experienced the ministry of John Wimber and the Vinyard Fellowship or that of David Pytches and St. Andrews, Chorleywood will know you have to give away the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to receive more. Praise God for this wonderful paradox!

So much good can come of giving away, rather than throwing away. After all, to give is to be generous, sharing, to show you care, loving. It blesses both you and the person receiving. The best example I can think of is if someone hadn't shared with you about God and His love, you may have never known His grace. Isn't that a good enough reason to share, to give some of your time to talk to a person about God and what He has done in your life?