

Dalton's Food Pantry

SEEDS OF GRACE



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It's funny, isn't it? But hopefully it will also make you think because there is a difference between contributions (donating) and sacrifice. When we become a Christian, there are many conversions. Loving God is not about saying the right words, accepting an abstract ideal, or claiming an emotion. Loving God is an intentional commitment to self-sacrifice for the well-being of others. That is why God's word tells us, "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

There's an old story about a conversation between a chicken and a pig. The chicken says, "We should donate to help feed the hungry." The pig replies, "That's easy for you to say. You just make a donation. For me, it's a total life sacrifice."

If we are to be followers of Jesus, then we are the pig, not the chicken. We have to move from donation to sacrifice, from consuming to investing.

When it comes to investing money, most of us are pretty careful. If you're like me, you don't have more money than you know what to do with, and so you're cautious about entrusting it to an unknown person or company that promises you a profit. But, it's amazing that while people are careful about investing their money, they are often very haphazard about investing their lives. They waste gobs of time. Without thinking, people devote their lives to pursuing fleeting pleasures and possessions. But they give little thought to investing their lives with God, who gives "solid joys and lasting treasure" (John Newton, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"). Jesus referred to this as storing up treasure for yourself, but not being rich toward God (Luke 12:21).

Are you donating, or are you investing? It's your choice.

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Oh my, it's a hot summer night in the hood on this July evening. Thinking back, reminiscing as a young white boy running through the streets of Haughville chasing basketballs, baseballs, bicycles, cars, girls, alcohol, drugs, businesses, properties and the all mighty dollar. Today, as I sit here, I find myself chasing "time" for the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Oh my, how I praise Him, thank you Jesus for the blood shed at Calvary. I know I sure don't deserve your mercy and grace. Satan had a plan for my life, But God, you showed up and showed off.

I thank you Lord for the burning desire of wanting money and all the materialistic things that are here on planet earth are gone—removed from my life. God doesn't condemn his people having earthly possession but he does condemn when earthly possessions have us. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we recognize that Heaven is our home, so we resist the temptation to hoard our treasured earthly possession that will fade away.

The most expensive and greatest treasure on earth will have the same end. Nothingness, after Jesus comes back and the world is judged, there will be nothing worth holding on to. In spite of this, many people will continue to cling to their earthly possessions because they long to be more comfortable in the present moment rather than in the eternal future.

One thing we make daily decisions about is money, whether it's paying bills or sporting our churches, we all write checks, submit payments online or give others cash.

Money's one of the easiest things to think we own, and many of us get really touchy when someone

else tries to put a hand in our pockets. That's fine if they're trying to do something dishonest. But when God puts a hand in our pockets to remind us that we should tithe, that's another matter because everything we own, down to the last cent, is really His. Who gave us that job, or those savings? Who can give us more or withhold money from us entirely? Who can provide for us in ways that don't require one red cent? When God asks us to give, it's not a one way street. Those who give will also receive. Maybe it won't be a bigger house, but it might be more peace in our lives or spiritual growth or a million other things.

Let's use our money wisely. Please give today to Dalton's Food Pantry, with a cheerful heart; God loves it. I promise you are in good soil to plant a seed in. It takes thousands of dollars to keep this ministry moving forward. In the name of Jesus, give now so our kids have school supplies, back packs, all new school clothes, shoes and underwear, but most importantly, Jesus Christ in their heart. Amen.



Thank you for being obedient.

God Bless you,

J.R. Dalton

"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in. Try it, put me to the test." Malachi 3:8

school clothes

As the kids get ready to return back to school on Monday, August 6, they are in need of school clothes.

- How can you help? **As you purchase for your children, buy an extra shirt, pants, or outfit for a child in need.**
- Can you donate gently used clothes? **NO - ALL CLOTHES MUST BE NEW!!**
- What sizes are needed? **ALL**
- What about underclothes? **YES!!!**
- Do you need more boys or girls clothes? **BOTH**
- Don't want to shop? **SEND US A CHECK - WE'LL SHOP FOR YOU!**



school supplies



Not only do we help with school clothes, we also supply the children that are a part of the Dalton's Food Pantry/ Amazing Grace ministry school supplies. Each year we give every child a new backpack filled with school supplies.

While you're out shopping for your children, won't you consider purchasing extra supplies and donate them to Dalton's Food Pantry. We have found out that if you buy in bulk, some places will be willing to discount the items. Help us help them!



Would you like to send a child to see an Indiana Fever basketball game? For just \$20.00 you can send a child to a game on Wednesday, August 23. One of our volunteers has coordinated with the Fever for a special price on tickets. We would like to send at least 20 kids. To purchase a ticket go to:

- <http://fevergroups.com/main/events/amazinggrace/>
- Password is **AMAZING**
- Put in your credit card information and select Pick up at Will Call

Just that easy you will send a child to an event they will remember forever. These tickets are lower level, under the basket seats.

Thank you for your support!

ripe n ready

Have you visited Ripe N Ready yet or recently? If not, you're missing out!!

Ripe N Ready sells quality, fresh produce at a VERY discounted price. Proceeds go back into the ministry.

We are now selling organic Farm Fresh Eggs.

Fresh product arrives daily! Check out our Facebook page weekly to see what our "HOT DEALS" for the week are!

We hope to see you soon!



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Dalton's Food Pantry compassionately touches lives in being the hands and feet of Jesus, by providing essential necessities and pursuing souls in planting seeds of love, hope and encouragement for the assured growth which is promised in God through whom all things are possible.

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What have you done for GOD today?



- ⇒ Do you feel inspired to make a donation to Dalton's Food Pantry? Please use this part of the newsletter to agree to make a difference in the lives of families and children in the Haughville community.
- ⇒ If you would like to be put on our regular mailing list, please fill out the information and mail back to us or email your information to: daltonsfoodpantry@gmail.com
- ⇒ If you would like to find out more information about who we are and what we do, please visit our website at: www.daltonsfoodpantry.com. Still have questions, please feel free to call the office at 317-955-2581.
- ⇒ If you would like to volunteer, please visit our website at: www.daltonsfoodpantry.com. There are a variety of opportunities for you and your family to serve alongside of us.



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Once we receive your donation, you will be sent an acknowledgement.
All gifts to Dalton's Food Pantry are fully tax-deductible under IRS code 501C-3 (ID #20-451335)

thank you!