

Receiving Your Missionary

“Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;” (III John 1.5)

The ministry of the Gospel has _____ challenges. The Apostle Paul details many of his _____ to the Corinthian church (II Cor. 6). Truly, there are challenges that are _____ accompanied by those in the ministry even in this day. As such, the NT church, is to be a place of genuine charity to its members and to those that come *for His name sake* (v. 7).

While this passage is broader than just missionaries, let us consider how we might _____ to those that are proclaiming the gospel of Christ abroad. Several key words should direct our minds:

- 1) _____ (v.6) - (Agape— an intentional will to love)
- 2) **Bring** _____ (v. 6) - escort or aid in travel (conduct forth)
- 3) _____ **sort** (v. 6) - exceeding, as though from God
- 4) _____ **such** (v. 8) - to receive as a host
- 5) _____ **-helpers** (v. 8) - co-laborers, companion in labor, an helper

These power words illustrate in part the ministry of _____ (I Tim. 3.2, Titus 1.8, I Pet. 4.9). A much need ministry is that of aiding the ministers of the gospel as they seek to go forth. This was a key reason that the Shunamite women _____ Elisha with *a chamber for the prophet* (II Kings 4:8-17). Though we will not be able to assist every minister of the gospel, the AIM House (as we have seen) has been a real _____ to very many.

Practically speaking, what should be our attitude toward those that we support when they return to report on their labors?

- 1) **Attitude of** _____ — The missionaries are in part fulfilling _____ responsibility to take the gospel around the world (Matt. 28.19-20). They are going because _____ can not go. Let us be thankful for _____ obedience to the Divine calling in their life.
- 2) **Attitude of** _____ — They have _____ and needs every day. Let us be determined to _____ them as fellowhelpers and fulfill the calling of encouragement in their life. May they leave this place _____ for the work of God (II Tim. 1.16, Phile. 1.7)
- 3) **Attitude of** _____ — Their furlough (and deputation) are _____ times of ease and vacation. They are most often here on purpose. With the travel, there is cost (Prov. 6.11, 24.34). Let us have generosity in our love _____ (Phil. 4.15, II Cor. 8.2). In this way, we can have *fruit that may abound to our account* (Phil. 4.17).
- 4) **Attitude of** _____ — Often we forget things. When one of our supported missionaries are present, do your utmost to let them know that their _____ are not _____ (Heb. 6.10).

Let us not be forgetful of the great ministry to which these faithful servants have been called (Rom. 10.14).