

Depositories or Tributaries?

by Jeff Bush

It is said that the Dead Sea is full of minerals and vitamins yet has nothing living inside of it. It receives water from other sources but never gives water away. As a result, is called the "dead" sea.

A depository is the place where a deposit is placed and kept. Examples of depositories are bank, savings, and loan institutions, credit unions, or trust companies.

A tributary is a stream or river that flows into and joins a larger river or body of water.

As Christians, we can become depositories by keeping in all that we have received from God or we can become tributaries by passing on what God has given us. The following are a few situations in which a Christian must decide what he/she will do:

1. Have you been blessed? If so, then you should strive to be a blessing to others.
2. Have you received God's comfort? Paul said that we have been comforted so that we may "comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Corinthians 1:4). And later, Galatians 6:2 reminds us that we are to bear one another's burdens.
3. Has someone taught you God's Word? If so, we are to "teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). Every Christian should be passing along that which has been taught to them; this is God's way.
4. Have you received the Gospel? Share it with someone else (Jn 20:2). There are cities of hundreds of thousands all over the world with NO Gospel witness. Without a doubt our neighbors all over need the Gospel, but there are countries where they cannot hear the Gospel via radio, tracts or churches.



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5. Have you been loved (by God and by others)? Then show others that love. There are people without God's love, have no family, or who have been through hard times; so love them. (1 Jn 3:17)

6. Have you been prepared and equipped? According to Matthew 16:19, God has prepared and equipped all of us. We are not to stay put yet; get to work helping prepare and equip others.

As Christians, we are not to receive and let things die with us. We should become channels and pass along to others all that God has given and taught us. Are you a depository or a tributary Christian? God's children are the light of the world, salt of the earth, ambassadors, witnesses, and His instruments. Maybe it's time to evaluate what we are doing with all that God has entrusted into our hands.

Missionary Spotlight

Greetings! Without a doubt, God has been faithful. Every need that my wife and I have had since the start of deputation has been taken care of by our great God. As we continue to follow after His will for our lives He has provided for us above and beyond what we could have ever asked or hoped. *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."* Jeremiah 33:3

We are so excited to get to the country of Kenya. More than 44 million people live inside Kenya's border, and millions of them have never heard of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a land full of nominal Christianity where many profess Christ but know nothing of Him. We are praying that God will allow us to become ambassadors for Christ in Kenya by leaving for our field by January 2017.

Bethany and I have had a wonderful start of meetings and are blessed to have such a full schedule for the next few months. It is amazing to us how God has a part for each of us in fulfilling the Great Commission. We thank the Lord for the men and women who have sacrificed so that we may go and accomplish the work God has for us overseas. Will you pray that God will continue to open the doors to new churches to fill our schedule? We would love to present our burden with them so that they too could partner with us to be ambassadors for Christ to Kenya.

— Josh Wormley, Kenya

