



ONE BRICK
AT A TIME

Title: "The Dollar That Builds What Convenience Can't"

What Seems Foolish to Man is Precious to God

Scriptures:

- Matthew 6:21
- Luke 21:1-4
- Malachi 3:10
- Acts 2:38
- 1 Corinthians 1:27

Introduction: A Stirring Moment of Silence

Last night in church, the Pastor stood and made a need known. Not for luxury. Not for want. But for the work of the Lord-for the house that feeds us spiritually, shelters the Gospel, and sends salvation into this world.

And no one responded.

Not even a dollar.

Yet many of us spent a dollar earlier that day-maybe at a convenience store, maybe on a drink, maybe on something we forgot five minutes after buying it.

And that's what stirred my spirit.

Because we'll give a dollar to satisfy our body, but won't give one to support the eternal food that feeds our soul?

I. The Dollar That Doesn't Seem to Matter

To the world, a dollar is disposable:

- A snack
- A soft drink
- A tip
- A fleeting moment of pleasure

It seems like nothing. But in God's hands, it becomes a building block of revival.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (KJV) -

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise..."

Heaven's currency doesn't operate on Wall Street logic. God multiplies the simple when it's surrendered.

II. One Dollar = One Brick

What if, every time you walked into the sanctuary, you brought one dollar, aside from your tithe and regular offering?

What if that became a personal devotion? A holy habit?

You wouldn't just be giving money.

You'd be laying bricks.

- One brick each time you walk into the house of God.

- One brick for each soul that needs to hear the Word.
- One brick toward missions that spread the Gospel across borders.
- One brick toward the altar where someone will cry out in repentance.
- One brick for revival.

And brick by brick, dollar by dollar, a soul would be saved.

III. The Widow's Mite: Heaven's Example

Luke 21:2-4 (KJV) -

"...this poor widow hath cast in more than they all..."

She gave two mites.

That's less than a dollar.

But Jesus paused everything to honor her sacrifice.

Why?

Because she didn't give out of surplus.

She gave out of conviction.

Out of faith.

Out of priority.

IV. Priorities Reveal the Heart

Matthew 6:21 (KJV) -

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

We show what we value by where we spend our dollars.

A \$1 bill spent at a gas station disappears with your appetite.

A \$1 bill given in faith builds altars, churches, missions, and miracles.

Every time you put God first in your finances, you're telling Him:

"This Word matters more than my coffee."

"Your Kingdom is more important than my cravings."

"This Truth is worth more than my daily comforts."

V. The House Must Be Supplied

Malachi 3:10 (KJV) -

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house..."

Tithes support the operation of the local church.

Offerings go beyond-to missions, to evangelism, to expansion.

That dollar aside from your tithe is saying:

"I don't just want to be fed-I want others to be fed too."

"I'm not just preserving a building-I'm advancing the Kingdom."

"I'm not here to consume-I'm here to contribute."

VI. Acts 2:38 and the Power of Giving

We preach Acts 2:38 because it's the plan of salvation:

- Repentance
- Baptism in Jesus' Name
- Infilling of the Holy Ghost

But this message doesn't travel on wings-it travels on willing givers.

That \$1 helps the lights stay on where Acts 2:38 is preached.

It buys gas for the preacher who proclaims Jesus' name.

It prints tracts, disciples new converts, and expands the reach of Truth.

VII. Altar Call: Build What Convenience Can't

This is not about guilt.

This is about perspective.

God doesn't need your dollar-He wants your heart.

But your giving reveals where your heart lives.

If you can spend on snacks, you can invest in souls.

Let the house of God never go silent again during offering.

Let us never again sit in comfort while God's house cries out for help.

Tonight, make a decision:

- To bring one dollar every time you enter God's house

- To give not only tithes, but love offerings-bricks of faith
- To teach your children that giving is not just obligation-it's honor

Closing Statement

A dollar in a vending machine satisfies for minutes.

A dollar in God's house impacts generations.

Let's be a church that builds-not with what we have left over, but with what we lay down in faith.

One dollar. One brick. One soul. One Kingdom.