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"VOW AND PRAY UNTO THE LORD THY GOD."

A great many people do not feel like pledging anything in advance when it comes to church duties, yet those same people will ask their groceryman to run them for a year, pledging to pay them at the close of the year, and if needs be, give a mortgage or a promissory note on their land, or if a tenant, upon his crop not yet grown. We vow and pay others. Why can we not do likewise to God? Jacob did when he said, "Lord of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give unto thee one-tenth (tithe)." Paul says in II Cor. 8:10, "and herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago." That is they had pledged a year ago, purposed in their hearts a year ago, got the consent of their own mind and will and purposed something definitely. Note verse 12, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not."

When a pledge is made in good faith it should be redeemed. Verse 11 Paul says, "Now therefore perform the doing of it; as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have." "Give and it shall be given unto you," said Jesus. "As a man purposeth in his heart so let him give, not sparingly, nor grudgingly, neither of necessity, but freely ye have received freely given."

Regularity is one of the secrets of the kingdom's work. Paul in I Cor. 16:1, 2, gives a program whereby you and I may best of all fulfill our vows or pledges. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye upon

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