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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Faithfulness Is Required of All

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Faithful Stewards

Are we trying to follow Jesus,
Like the rich young man of old,
Are we keeping His commandments
And holding back our gold?
Are we dividing our possessions
As faithful stewards, all?
We cannot belong to Jesus
If we do not heed His call.

O may we not choose unwisely
In this last and perilous day,
For Jesus loved him dearly,
But he sadly turned away
We may lose our dearest treasures,
Our homes, our souls, our all,
If we do not follow Jesus
And heed His gentle call.

Will we part with our possessions,
Shall we gladly share them all?
As did the consecrated saints
In the days of Peter and of Paul,
Who called not anything their own,
But laid their all upon the altar?
The truth then spread both far and wide,
And God's word did not falter.

--Olive McFarling

Friends, it is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again with a short message from the Word of God. Listen to this 12th verse of the 8th chapter of II Corinthians. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not accord-

ing to that he hath not." Some people seem to have the opinion that a person's faithfulness is rated according to how much he does, especially in good works or charitable causes, or it might be in the amount of money which one is able to give to a good and worthy cause. But I want to tell you that this is not true.

God is not going to count our faithfulness in dollars and cents. If this were the case, one who was rich would have a much better opportunity to be saved than the poor man. He would be able to give large sums or contributions whereas the poor man would only be able to give a little.

The scripture which I have just read clearly indicates that every man and woman is going to be held responsible for that which they have in their possession. In other words, they must be faithful to all which God has entrusted in their care. This might be financial affairs or talents and abilities which God has given. If you have more material possessions, there is a greater responsibility upon you than the one who has very little.

Friends, God is looking at our hearts to see how faithful we are with what we have to do with. He does not expect the impossible. In fact, one scripture mentions that we should give our

