

## *Let Nothing Be Wasted*

**Let nothing be wasted!** This statement when you think who has said it, you may think an economist who is computing the resources and estimating the finances that is needed for a certain project. Or you may think the one who said it, he is a good manager of a certain establishment who is accountable to fulfill all duties to make the work going on smoothly, and to the point that every expenses and everyone's due, salaries and other privileges are all covered.

**Let nothing be wasted!** This might be said by a country leader who wants his country to grow; who wants to use all the natural resources to build up the nation in the right way and he does not want anything to be wasted; this is because he has limited resources and has to make it sufficient for the needs.

**Let nothing be wasted!** This is in fact the statement said by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Maker of heaven and earth and everything had said this statement to his disciples. The Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God, He came down from heaven; He is the image of the invisible God and He is God. He came to us to save us; Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins. He was buried and He rose again from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to everyone who believes. Jesus Christ is the only way for man to reach God. This is the truth and this is what He said: ***"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*** (John 14:6) Jesus Christ, as we receive Him as our personal Savior and accept Him as our personal Lord we enter into a new style of life; preparing us to live forever in the kingdom of God. With Jesus we live a true and everlasting life and life to the full.

The Lord Jesus said, ***"Let nothing be wasted."*** This happened when a big crowd followed Him and He fed them. Let us read this event in the Bible:

***"When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for this people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do. Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. Here is a boy with a five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many? Jesus said, "Have the people sit down". There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets of pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten."*** (John 6:5-13)

After such a great miracle by the great Provider, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who fed a crowd of five thousands after multiplication of five small barley loaves of bread and two small fish and everyone had enough to eat, Jesus requested his disciples to gather the pieces that were leftovers and instructed them, ***"Let nothing be wasted."*** This is not to say that we are instructed to become stingy, but to express the following reasons:

- 1) **To appreciate what the Lord gives us:** Many people of today are not aware that all what they have has come from God. Even those among us who know God's provision, still the Lord teaches them and us to appreciate and to be carry this saying: ***"Everything is cheap and many things are free!"*** So we find them abusing the resources and squandering things. We see the people squandering money, effort, time, resources, water, electricity, food, clothes, etc. But the Lord wants us to be aware about this bad habit. To God, to Him belong everything and He is willing to give us more, but as well He wants to teach us to be keen and tidy and careful, not to miss and loss what the Lord has already blessed us. We may say bread is cheap, and nothing is loss much if we will not gather the crumbs. But just imagine that little loss added to little more finally will become much. Let us be aware that if we are careless to little things we may even loss the most expensive thing!
- 2) **To be wise and responsible people:** A person who is wise and responsible knows how to manage things. The blessings that we receive from the Lord sometimes carry deeper expressions: Like, it is given to us in a certain time but it is meant for a period of time. We may receive blessings and provisions for a period of 2 years but it is given to us to be sufficient for our need over a period of time that we have no reserve. The message here is not to waste the excess and to gather every leftover to be used again to keep the supply for a longer period of time. We are receivers of blessings from God so we must be good stewards of everything. Then, ***"He who is entrusted with little will be entrusted with much,"*** if he is wise and responsible person.

**My Dear and Beloved:** ***"Let nothing be wasted!"*** Let these words from the mouth of the Lord Jesus dwell in your heart to admonish you and to teach you to repent from your old ways and stop abusing what the Lord put in your hands; not to squander resources and spend or use carelessly the blessing of God.

**My Prayer:** ***"Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life and life to the full. Lord, forgive me my sins and my carelessness to what you have given me. Lord, teach me your ways and guide me by your word. Lead me to live a life pleasant to You. I thank you, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen."***