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True stories of God's supply and financial assistance in the 1800's!

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They that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

He saith, Yes.

And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

Peter saith unto him, Of strangers.

Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

(Matthew 17:24-27-KJV)

God Always Gave Me More

A man said, "God never gave me exactly what I wanted; He always gave me more." He told of a time when after he had been married about three months he got sick, and the sickness carried on for more than nine months. He and his wife were in great distress.

He owed money and had no means to pay it. He was told that if he didn't pay it by a certain day, that he would go to jail. He had no food for himself or his wife. He went up to his room and got down on his knees. He opened his Bible and laid his finger on several promises, and then claimed them.

He said, "Lord, this is Thy own Word of promise. I claim Thy promises." He was taking hold of them by faith, and he prayed earnestly for some time. After that, he got up off his knees, took a walk, and then went to bed.

Before he went to sleep, he opened his Bible and saw this verse that said, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." (Psalm 50:15-KJV)

He said, "It is enough, Lord." He had full faith right then and knew deliverance would come, so he praised God with his whole heart.

Then he heard a knock on the door. When he opened it, there was a man who handed him a letter. He turned to look at the letter and then looked up—and in that instant, the man was gone.



He opened the letter and inside was just the amount of money he needed, plus five shillings more! He never found out who that man was. God knew and sent him! "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." (Psalm 34:6-KJV)

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The New Dress

A Christian minister and his wife in Ohio, in 1860, loved and served the Lord the best they could. They were in great debt, and had to come up with funds for their ministry. They printed magazines telling of missionaries and requesting help for them.

One day, a couple who were to be married gave \$5.00 to this minister for the wedding ceremony. He gave it to his wife and said, "Here's \$5.00. Why don't you get yourself a dress?" It was a rare and special thing for her to be able to buy a nice dress.

Many of the ladies around the area were wearing dresses made out of a certain kind of cloth. This minister's wife had always wished that she could have that kind of dress, made out of that special type of material too. She went to price it, and found out that she would be able to

get it for \$4.00. She decided she would get the dress for \$4.00, and give the one extra dollar to some missionaries.

When she went to the place where the magazines were printed to find the address of someone to send the \$1.00



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to, she happened to notice a written article about how much the missionaries were in need. After reading the article, she decided that instead of buying a dress, she wanted to send the full \$5.00 to missionaries.

Her husband didn't know how they could afford to give so much, but he agreed that they should. So the lady sent the \$5.00 with a letter, yet not saying her name, just signing with: "A Friend of Missions." She figured she'd never hear about the money again, but she was happy to share with others

The next week someone entered the room where she was and tossed a bundle into her lap. They said, "Here's a present for you!"

The lady opened the bundle, and it was a dress pattern with the exact same type of material she wanted to buy!

She said, "God has given me this, in place of what I've given." So she had given away the \$5.00, and still received the dress!

And that wasn't all. A short while later, she received a letter from the secretary for the Board of Missions and it had a printed copy of the letter she had written.

They asked, "Were you the one who wrote this letter? If so, there is a man in New York that said to send you \$25.00, with a note saying, "Buy yourself a dress, and give the rest to your husband and children."

