

prime the pump if you must

"he who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." john 7:38

i know in our modern times most of us are unfamiliar with pumping water and how wells work. you would have to have a little water saved and use it to pour into the pump to "prime" it and then pump like crazy to get the water flowing. if you stopped pumping the water would quit flowing.

that's the standard type of well, the one that needs priming and pumping. there is another kind of well called an artesian well. it is dug deep and locates a source of water surrounded by non-permeable rock. this forces pressure and ensures the water has no where to go but up.

there are too many followers of Christ like that first well. they are pretty shallow, and to get them to serve God, you have to prime the pump and then continue to pump and pump and pump. then there are those who have dug their well deep and tapped into the "river of life." their lives overflow with His fullness.

the surrounding rock - Jesus, will pressure us to keep the "upward flow" continuous, but it will also serve as a protection surrounding us and keep the impurities from seeping in. "beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you." 1 pet 4:12

some want to be served, while those filled with His fullness want to serve. i know many aren't old enough to remember president john f. kennedy who was assassinated, but he was famous for the following statement. "ask not what your country can do for you. ask what you can do for your country."

our Lord Jesus has already done everything He needed to do for us. now is our time to do what we may for Him and His glory. we can only do that if we have dug deep and tapped into that "river of living waters." only then will it be Christ working in us, constantly flowing in that upward direction.

"God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." rom 12:3 He has given all enough water to prime the pump and get it flowing. we need to keep pumping for it to continue. this is a must for those shallow diggers. then there are those thirsty enough to dig deeper still.

none of us can "work" for our salvation. "it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." eph 2:8-9 the work we do is for His glory and can only be done by us getting out of the way and being willing and obedient.

this is the spending of our talents. this is the harvest our Master is seeking on His return. if we have tapped into the sweet spot, the flow upward will become as natural as breathing. "abide in Me, and I in you. as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me." john 15:4 the fruit is determined by the

root. "even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit" matt 7:17

prime the pump if you must, but keep digging and you will find yourself in that well of fullness. you know what the laws of the universe dictate then - there's no where to go but up. that's exactly where we're headed and there's not a power on earth that can keep us down. even so, make it soon Lord Jesus!