

## **Essay from a bold pastor**

### **#112 - Tips for Jesus -**

At the height of the Christmas season, an unbelievable campaign is happening around NY City and LA. It's called "Tips for Jesus." A restaurant in NYC received a blessing from such campaign. Three men dined in, and their server named Aruj dropped off their tab totaling \$111 after the meal. As he was about to walk away, one of the guys grabbed him and said, "This is your lucky night" handing him the store copy of the credit card receipt. He was speechless to see the tip amount. The table left him \$1000. He expressed his excitement by saying "I almost dropped the check. It really made my night!"

The average tip percentage to leave at restaurants is around 15%. That means they only had to tip Aruj about \$15. Then, why were they so generous? In fact, this series of seemingly strange incidents first started when someone left \$3000 tip for an \$87 check this past September in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This was soon followed by others tipping \$2000 for a \$215 check, \$5000 for a \$214 check, and so on. In Manhattan, someone left as much as \$7000 in tip.

Puzzling thing was that "Tips for Jesus" was written on all of such credit card receipt. Media finally tracked down one of the tippers and asked the reason for the huge tip. He immediately replied, "Why? Just because I wanted to tip hundred times more! And this is the work for the Lord." There is no doubt that this campaign has its root in "The Parable of Sower" from the Bible. I believe that those generous tippers put into practice the following verse of the Bible, hoping to multiply good deeds.

***He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him  
for what he has done.***

**Proverbs 19:17**

Many in the restaurant industry work for the minimum wage in the U.S. Highlighting the situation was the recent nationwide protest by the workers including those of MacDonald. The riches who participated in the "Tips for Jesus" campaign were saddened by such reality and followed suit of Jesus Christ who sacrificed himself on the cross in spreading goodwill. We, too, shall remember His self-sacrifice and multiply good deeds 100, 1000 times.

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