

## **Giving Away A Book**

The interesting thing about giving my first book away is that I really enjoyed giving it, and my friends really seemed to enjoy receiving it. The content doesn't really matter so much as the fact that I am offering something of myself.

I imagine a situation where a person gives a gift to many people, adding a personal dedication to the receiver in each. Each one receiving it asks, "What does it mean?" The offerer simply replies, "It means I love you."

Every author wants his or her work to be accepted. In giving the book, it is natural to think of the scripture about "casting our bread upon the waters, and after many days it will return."<sup>1</sup>

There wasn't much response initially to my web and blog, and I thought hopefully that perhaps it was like Elijah<sup>2</sup>, who thought he was alone when in fact there were 7000 other followers of God in the country. So I hope that there are a few others that have gotten something out of the book.

I have been praying for God to breathe life into that book. He helped me write it and publish it, but it now must live and grow so that it can reach out to others. But if it doesn't then I will try to be like David praying for his son to live<sup>3</sup>; he hoped for healing, but when it didn't happen he got up and worshipped. Then he went on with his life. That is what I plan to do.

And hopefully publish another book.

1. Ecclesiastes 11:1 (KJV)
2. 1 Kings 19:9b-19
3. 2 Samuel 12:15ff

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