**Lord of the Rings, Fasting, and D.L. Moody**

I love the following Gandalf the gray quote from The Lord of the Rings:

“*I wish it need not have happened in my time,”* said Frodo.

“*So do I*,” said Gandalf, “*and so do all who live to see such times.*

*But that is not for them to decide.*

*All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us*.”

I’m particularly drawn to the last part:

“*All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us*.”

This statement not only true in this season of fasting; but outside of this month as well.

God has entrusted to us the most valuable gift of all: time.

He has also given us a free will. A will to choose, to make decisions for ourselves.

To trim our sails and to set our own course; to determine our own destination.

Jesus was a God-man completely free of sin.

As He stated several times, He could do nothing on His own.

He was filled with the Holy Spirit and modeled for us what a Spirit filled believer could do.

If Jesus did it, then it’s on the table for us to do as well.

*Most assuredly, I say to you,*

*he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also;*

*and greater works than these he will do because I go to My Father.*

Jn 14:12

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils.

God has provided us with a way to be free from sin; at such a great personal cost.

He has also given us the promise of Holy Spirit; so that we can live a victorious dynamic life.

By and large the church has not, and is not, laying hold of this.

Why not?

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

The decision lies with us.

God has provided the way.

How much are we willing to go for?

Regarding:

While in England D.L. Moody, heard evangelist Henry Varley say,

“The world has yet to see what God can do through a man who is totally yielded to Him.”

Moody was captivated by these words and resolved,

“By the Grace of God, I will be that man!”

During this time of fasting, as we dive deeper into the heart of our Father; let us honestly meditate on how we will decide to use the time given to us. What decisions or changes do we need to make? Only by setting aside the worlds pleasures, can we truly gain heavens pleasures here and now, and in the future, eternal benefits/rewards. This is where true joy is found.