

# The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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## OFFERING MEDIATION #1

"Life Insurance"

For years I sold life insurance. That does not sound so interesting or exciting or rewarding, does it? If you said "no" to that question, you would be wrong!

**I did not think about selling insurance.**

- × I paid widows' mortgages so they could stay in the houses they lived together in all those years.
- × I paid for the deceased's kids' education
- × I bought shoes, clothes, and food for his family.
- × I paid off his debts which allowed the businesses he owed to continue in business.
- × I paid off medical bills of doctors and hospitals which would have burdened his family for years to come.
- × I buried him and gave him a nice funeral so his family would not be indebted for years to come.
- × I kept the family in safe cars that protected them and the driving public.
- × I kept a stream of income coming into the family if he died, and if he

lived, I gave a stream of income for his retirement.

- × I made it possible for every man to be a benefactor to their church, college, or charity.

**The same thing is true when you give your offering to a giving church. You are doing much more than you know.**

- × You are remembering the orphans and widows in their affliction.
- × You are feeding and educating children around the world.
- × You are sending out missionaries to preach the Gospel, which results in people's eternal salvation.
- × You are educating and equipping preachers for thousands of pulpits.
- × You are sending help to the emergencies of the world.
- × You are sending out good doctrinal literature around the world.
- × You are fulfilling the command to "not muzzle the ox that treads the corn".
- × You are making sure you are giving the laborer his worthy hire.

I think you get the point. You are doing what God says and you are doing much more than you know.

When you give your offering today you ought to think about just what it is that you are doing.

Remember what I always say, "Big doors swing on little hinges".