

Unfortunately, there are some individuals in our brotherhood who have been labeled as being either conservative or liberal. This is very unfair because we are not too hastily or unfairly judge one another (Mt. 7:1-5). But there are at least three areas that I don't mind being called a liberal.

First, I want to be liberal with my time.

My wife and family deserve my time. I need to plan my daily tasks so that I can give them as much of my time as possible. I believe that quantity time is quality time. The more time I can give to my wife, the better our marriage will be; and the more time I can spend with my boys the better Christians they will be. I will want to do spiritual and constructive things with my family so that we can grow closer to God and each other.

Second, I want to be liberal with my money.

God rewards the giving heart that sacrifices for the work of Christ. We always find the money to do and buy the things we really want. But I need to be liberal with my money when it comes to the work of the church too. There are so many good mission works both domestic and foreign that I cannot afford to overlook (pun intended!). To be liberal with my money says that I will give generously to those things that bring glory to God and help the word to be preached to the lost.

Third, I want to be liberal with praise.

Prayers of adoration are so important yet too often overlooked. Learning how to praise God (as David did in the Psalms) is a valuable thing. Let us learn to be liberal with our praise for others too! Everyone performs better when they know they are loved and appreciated.

See you Sunday!

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