

The Lunch Bucket

An Object Lesson on Being Ready to Serve God

Have you ever thought about the humble lunch bucket? It doesn't do anything flashy. It doesn't make noise or draw attention. But inside, it carries something essential—nourishment for the worker, strength for the laborer, and encouragement to continue the task at hand.

As Christians, we are much like that lunch bucket. God may not have called each of us to be preachers or missionaries in distant lands, but He has called us to be vessels—carriers of something vital to the work of the Kingdom.

In John 6, we read about a boy with a small lunch "*five barley loaves and two small fish*"—that Jesus used to feed a multitude (John 6:9-11). The boy wasn't famous or powerful, but he had something to offer, and he made it available. Jesus took that offering, blessed it, and multiplied it to meet the needs of thousands.

Your lunch bucket may not seem like much—perhaps a kind word, a prayer, or a helping hand. But when you make it available to the Lord, He can use it in ways you never imagined.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, "*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us*" (2 Corinthians 4:7)). You are that vessel. What you carry may seem ordinary, but in God's hands, it becomes extraordinary.

So bring your "lunch bucket" to church or to work. Be ready to serve. Be available. Be willing. God doesn't need fancy containers—just faithful ones.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."
(Colossians 3:23)

Let's be lunch buckets—carrying nourishment, offering encouragement, and always ready to be used for His glory.

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