

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Week of March 9, 2008

Subject: Tools in God's Hands

“How shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14)

I once read the story of an American industrial company that shipped a plow to an uncivilized foreign country. The plow happened to be delivered to the wrong address. It turned up in a remote village, and when the crate was opened, the people didn't know what to do with it. They decided to place the shiny new instrument upon a pedestal. They marveled at it, polished it, and worshiped it. The plow lost the purpose for which it had been made.

This story reminded me of the need to know the purpose of tools so they can be properly utilized. It also reminded me of the Ethiopian eunuch. God's Word in the eunuch's possession wasn't properly utilized until Philip explained the prophecies about which he was reading (Acts 8:26-40). Then he promptly asked to be baptized after which he went on his way rejoicing.

Like the plow bringing productiveness when it is used according to the purpose for which it had been made, so also God's Word will bring a harvest when it is explained and understood. We, too, become tools for God's purposes when we are motivated and guided by His Son.

**Prayer thought:** Father God, I thank you for the potential we have when we use our abilities for the purposes for when we have been created. Prepare us for “kingdom business” by opening doors of opportunities where we can be used most effectively for Jesus' sake - it is in His name we pray. Amen

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