



## Monday Matters

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### Can You Imagine?

Years ago, so long I can't remember when, maybe in my early 20's, I read a book that I found at my parent's house about R.G. Letourneau. At the age of fourteen in 1902, R.G. Letourneau left school and then moved from his home in Vermont to Minnesota, and then to Portland, Oregon. He began work in an iron works company learning the foundry and machinist trades. He then moved to San Francisco where he learned welding and then, in 1909, he settled in Stockton, California, where he worked as a miner and farm hand.

As the years went by, he took a job of leveling 40 acres of farm land with a tractor and towed scraper. In 1921, Letourneau started his own business where he designed and built several types

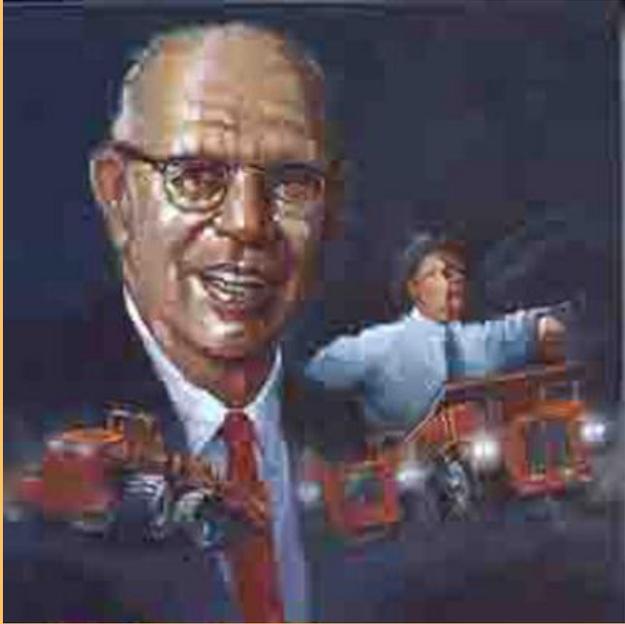


**"Thank You"**  
**Sung by Ray Boltz**

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**Quote of the Week**

of scrapers. This was the beginning of his creating numerous types of earthmoving equipment that would be recognized worldwide. During his lifetime, he held hundreds of patents on inventions relating to earthmoving equipment, manufacturing processes and machine tools. His factories even supplied 70% of all heavy earthmoving equipment used by the Allied Forces during World War II.



It was fascinating to read about this man that started his business life at age fourteen and eventually became the "father" of the earthmoving business. But this amazing story of rags to riches got even better. Around the time he started his business, he also married Evelyn. They were both Christians. They attended church and heard messages about giving back a portion of their income to God, tithing. They had not been doing that. They decided it was time to start tithing and they gave 10% of their income to God.

Letourneau also decided to put God first in his business. He said, "Some people think I'm all mixed up ---that you can't serve the Lord and business, too, but that's just the point. God needs businessmen as partners as well as preachers. When you go into partnership with God, you've got a Partner closer and more active than any human partner you can

"Not how much of my money I give to God, but how much of His money I keep for myself."

~R.G. Letourneau~

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ever get. He participates fully in everything you let Him do, and when you start putting on airs, and thinking you're doing it with your own head of steam, He can set you down quicker and harder than a thunderbolt. There's nothing dull about being in partnership with God."

R.G. and Evelyn set their hearts on spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through his personal speaking engagements, their missionary efforts in Africa and South America as well as establishing Letourneau University.

They also saw their business continue to grow by leaps and bounds. They had put God first in everything. The Letourneaus started increasing the percentage of their tithe until they were living on 10% of their income and giving 90%. Yes, 90% of their income went back into sharing the "Good News" of the Lord around the world.

There have been times as I worked in the church for many years that I wondered what would happen if people would tithe just 10% of their income. I believe it would literally change the world as we know it. Letourneau was convinced that he could not out-give God. "I shovel it out," he would say, "and God shovels it back, but God has a bigger shovel." Can we trust God with our personal lives and our businesses as R.G. and Evelyn Letourneau did? Can you imagine what would happen in our lives, in our businesses, in our churches, in our world?

by Ron Nelson



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