

“It is more blessed to give than
to receive.”



Do Things that pleases God

□ Acts 20:35

- I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must **support the weak.** And **remember** the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

□ John 8:29

- And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I **always do those things that please Him.**

Someone has said...

- ❑ If you focus only on making money - **Materialist.**
- ❑ If you try to make money but don't succeed - **Loser.**
- ❑ If you make a lot and keep it - **Miser.**
- ❑ If you make it and spend it - **Spendthrift.**
- ❑ If you don't care about making any - **Lazy.**
- ❑ If you make a lot and still have it when you die - **Fool** for trying to take it with you.

Many are not good receivers

As a Givers, we

- Have Something
- Have Value
- Got Freedom and Power because can decide
 - What to give
 - When to give
 - Who to give

Receivers - many don't like to

- Be Dependent
- Be Indebted

Problems

- Don't know how to receive
- Blocking the gift of praise
- Lack of appreciation

Must Give and Not Receive?

- Acts 20:35 – It is **more** blessed to give than to receive.

If we deny the giver

- We deny the giver a blessing
- We make the giver feel bad
- We put them down for doing something that Jesus Christ said is good

Important Reasons for Giving

Gracious Giving...

1. acknowledges God's ownership.
 - whether our master is God or money
2. breaks the power of material things to control us.
 - slavery to money and possessions
3. changes our perspectives.
 - from the temporal to the eternal

Be Willing to Give

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- 6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver.**

Give more!

- ❑ Because the more we give.....the more God will **enable us to give!**
- ❑ The more we give ourselves to others in the service of God... the more He will bless us to **be even more useful!**

Learn from the Withered Fig Tree
(Matthew 21:19)

What we can give?

- Gift in kind
- Monetary
- Willing or Helping Hand
- Product or Service
- Concern, Love, Attention or Words of Wisdom and Encouragement

Make use of Talents given

- ▣ Parable of the Talents (Mat 25:14-30)

Matthew 25:29

- ▣ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

Give to who?

To those who cannot reciprocate

Luke 14:12-14

- 12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also **invite you back**, and **you be repaid**.
- 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.
- 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for **you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.**"

Manner of Giving

Matthew 6:1-4

- ❑ 1 "Take heed that you **do not do** your charitable deeds before men, **to be seen** by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- ❑ 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, **do not sound a trumpet** before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.
- ❑ 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand **know what** your right hand is doing,
- ❑ 4 that **your charitable deed may be in secret**; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."

How we spend our money...

**“We make a living by what we get, but
we make a life by what we give.”**

**“We make ourselves rich by what we
give away.”**

**“What I spent, I had;
What I kept, I lost;
What I gave, I have!”**

Conclusion

- Prepare and equip yourself
 - Learn and Study more
 - More effort and time on things that matters most
 - Be a good members in your family, church, company, citizen and world
- Want to be happier?
 - Realize you have more blessings
 - Start giving
 - Share as much as you can
- Thank God for all the blessings
 - Take time to share the good news with others
 - The greatest gift i.e. Salvation