GIVING

TEXT: Acts 20:35 – … remember the words of Jesus how He said “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

WHY DO WE GIVE?

Jesus tells us in Luke 6:38 – “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

NOTE: WE DON’T GIVE TO GET. WE GIVE OUT OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD & HIS WORD. GOD’S WORD PROMISES BLESSINGS TO THOSE WHO MAKE GIVING THEIR LIFESTYLE. Jesus is a Giver! God the Father is a Giver.

James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above…”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that He (the Father) GAVE…”

Verses on Jesus giving His life for our sins:

Galatians 1:4/ Ephesians 5:2/ Titus 2:14


Proverbs 11:24 & 25.

Genesis 12:2 – This verse talks about WHY God blesses us. It is for us to be a BLESSING TO OTHERS.
**NOTE:** When you give, make sure that it is “good ground” you are sowing on. Never give to someone where you know the money or any object will be used for buying drugs, alcohol or pornographic use or any ungodly purpose. Ask God for wisdom and discernment.

Look at the young boy with the fish & loaves of bread. He didn’t have much, but when he gave it to Jesus, it was multiplied and that boy went home with 12 baskets full of fragments of the 5 barley loaves! (SEE: John 6:9-13) Jesus doesn’t want us to waste the anointing when He blesses our money and possessions. He wants us to share what we have (from Him) and bless others.

Look at the early church in Acts 2:41-47. God really DOESN’T need your $ money $. Y-O-U need God’s favor and blessings. You need to be obedient to Him.

The foundation of giving starts with tithing. Malachi 3:10-11.

More verses to explain why we should tithe:

VERSES ON GIVING:
Matthew 10:8 – “freely give…”
Matthew 6:3 – Not for show
Ecclesiastes 11:1 – “…cast your bread upon the waters…”
Mark 12:41-44 – Widow’s mite

There’s a story in Exodus 35:21 – “And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing…”

When we tithe, it’s out of obedience to what His Word commands us to do. When we give (outside of tithing) it is being led by God’s precious Holy Spirit. DON’T GIVE TO COPY SOMEONE ELSE. GIVE BECAUSE YOU ARE BEING LED BY GOD’S SPIRIT TO DO SO.

God loves a cheerful giver! (II Corinthians 9:7)

May your heart hold onto NOTHING to tightly. (Not money, objects, possessions or people) Be willing (if God said so) to give anything away He would ask of you. It ALL belongs to God anyway. If you love God more that the things of this world, then He can trust you to bless you. Then, you (in turn) can be a blessing to others!
REMEMBER, YOU ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.
So, surrender *EVERYTHING TO HIM*. He wants your heart most of all. Then, your family, friends and “stuff”. Watch God start blessing your life as you daily yield and surrender unto Him. He’ll begin blessing you in more ways than money or things. You’ll experience more inner joy, peace and happiness. That’s why Acts 20:35 is so very true.

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