

WHAT GOOD IS MY GIVING?
Clearing Up The Confusion - Part 1 of 4

Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

HOW GIVING BENEFITS MY OWN LIFE:

1. GIVING MAKES ME _____.

John 3:16 "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

2. GIVING DRAWS ME _____.

Matthew 6:21 "Where your treasure is, there your heart is also."

Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB) "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your life."

3. GIVING IS THE _____.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way ... they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!"

4. GIVING STRENGTHENS _____.

Malachi 3:10 "'Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this' says the Lord, "'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it!"

5. GIVING IS AN _____.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB) "... Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this,

6. GIVING BLESSES ME _____.

Proverbs 11:25 "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Psalms 112:5 "Good will come to him who is generous..."

Acts 20:35 (Jesus) "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF GIVING

1. GIVE _____.

2 Corinthians 9:12 "For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have."

1 Corinthians 9:7a "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure

2. GIVE _____.

Psalms 116:12 "How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?"

3. GIVE _____.

2 Corinthians 9:7 "... For God loves a cheerful giver!"

4. GIVE _____.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB) "On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you to earn."

5. GIVE _____.

2 Corinthians 9:6 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously."

2 Corinthians 8:5 "... THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD..."