



Give

“Give, and it shall be given to you.” Luke 6:38

Opening Thought

You can tell a lot about a person by their giving. How a person spends their time and money says a lot about what they value. Jesus said that wherever our treasure is, there too is our heart and thoughts. Giving is a privilege and the more we give, the more God will give to us.

QUESTION: What Are We Commanded to Give?

Whether it's our finances, time, or talents, God commands us to give.

QUESTION: Does It Matter With What Attitude We Give?

Yes; God loves a cheerful giver.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Application

One way to further apply the commandment of giving into our lives is by establishing the right perspective about the things we possess. It's hard to give when we view our possessions as the fruit of our labor. Instead, remember that every single thing we possess is His and they have been entrusted to us so that we may manage for Him, according to His ways. In other words, God has given to us and He expects us to give to others from what is His. Think about the things (finances, time, talents, etc.) you have that may be a blessing to someone. Think of someone you know that is in need of something you have. Give, and do so cheerfully.

Prayer

Close your gathering in prayer. Accept prayer requests from the group and include them in your prayer. Also, challenge your group to pray for each other. The following is a sample prayer you may use for guidance.

Father God, thank You for this day and for your message. Thank You for everything we have, for we know You are our Provider. Create in us a generous heart. Place others in our path that we may bless with that which you have given to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.