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With the same measure that ye give it  
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*(Luke 6:38)*





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## Introduction

“Givers and Takers” is a selection of writings on the subject of *giving*.

Like many things in life, most of us are mistaken in our concept of what it is to give. We see it backwards from how it really works.

We can only reap what we have first sown. Likewise we must first invest, if we are to see tangible dividends.

Wise investing with guaranteed results, both in this world as well as the next, is what this book is about.



## **GIVERS AND TAKERS**

They say there are two types of people: givers, and takers.

Selfishness sure seems to be rampant in the world today. No wonder people are unhappy.

But love is all about giving of yourself, and when two people give, they both receive. When we care about someone, we put their happiness above our own.

You can give without love...

But you can't love, without GIVING!



## **IT STARTS WITH YOU!**

You can be selfish nowadays and nobody thinks anything. You can be self serving and you just fit right in. But if you are loving and giving, humble and altruistic, now that really raises some eyebrows!

They have a nice, new, classy sounding name now for selfishness. It's called "hedonism".

Call it what you like, greed is taking over this world, and we are all suffering from its consequences.

You can make a difference. You can inspire others to do the same.

But it must start with YOU!





## WHAT ARE YOU INTO?

Most people today are so into themselves. Their whole world revolves around them. No wonder they are unhappy. No wonder they are so depressed.

This is the culture we are living in. And it is only made worse by television, movies, music, and the Internet.

It's not surprising that loneliness abounds. Because true happiness comes not in living selfishly, but in thinking of others. And people are what bring meaning and purpose to life.

Are you lonely? Look for ways to bring joy into other people's lives. Are you depressed? Discover what joys can be had by putting others' needs above your own.

GIVE love, and you'll receive love!



## **CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU**

It's common for people to talk about someone being successful. More often than not success to them is having money.

But money is a lousy way to keep score. Money doesn't make a person right. Money isn't proof of integrity.

In God's kingdom, truth and love are the true coinage. In God's eyes kindness, humility and compassion are true treasures.

So if you value the riches of this material world, enjoy them while you can.

Because... You can't take them with you!

“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.” (1 Timothy 6:7)

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon Earth.” (Matthew 6:19)



## ONLY GOD'S LOVE

This world has a spirit of taking. As little babies we take. We have to have our mother's milk. We get desperate if we don't get it and let everyone know.

Animals get desperate and take another animal's life. So desperate they get for their next meal.

We have found ourselves thrust into this strange world where by nature we take; by nature we *have* to take, in order to survive. But we have to learn to GIVE, in order to thrive.

God's Spirit is one of giving, not taking.

Giving doesn't come naturally to man. Only God's love can change our selfish hearts.

Only God can take away that selfish spirit of taking and give us the joy that only comes from giving!

"I please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many." (1 Corinthians 10:33)



## IT'S ABOUT GIVING

Most Christians are only looking to receive. They want to get things from God. They have the “gimmees”.

On forums, in WhatsApp groups, in churches, they all talk about God, but their focus is always on “receiving”. They want to “get”.

But the entire theme of Christianity is supposed to be “giving”. It's about sharing God's goodness and showing the world an unselfish, sacrificial love, God's love.



## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HEART

God doesn't judge you according to how much you give. God judges you according to how much you have left.

A person can give millions and although that may seem like a lot to some of us, if he has many more billions left over, he hasn't really given that much. Proportionately he may be giving even less than the guy who's giving his last dollar or two.

So it's not about quantity. It's about the heart.

The person who gives unselfishly, sacrificially, and lovingly from their heart will always be blessed more than the person who gives just for show.

"I will not give unto the Lord that which has cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)



## REAL GIVING

Recently we heard someone say that they don't ever give to charities because they give people employment.

Well, they have it all wrong when it comes to giving. Giving people jobs isn't giving in God's eyes, because they are receiving something in return. Their employees are making them money.

Giving, in God's eyes, is when you receive nothing in return. It's when your giving represents a sacrifice. It may even hurt. But that's when God blesses it, and He will always repay.

Whatever you give unselfishly is praiseworthy to God. And you can never out give Him!

“Cast thy bread upon the waters, and in many days it will return.” (Ecclesiastes 11:1)



## SATISFACTION

For something to be satisfying, it has to be lasting. And few things are lasting in the fast paced world in which we are living.

People have their fast food, their fast cars, and their hectic way of life. People fill their lives with things. But things offer no lasting satisfaction.

That's because life, REAL life, doesn't consist of things. Things will never fully satisfy. Peace only comes from within.

Lasting peace of mind can only come from serving others. That's the only thing that TRULY satisfies.



## **“I HAD FUN”**

A famous actor died recently. And in describing his life, his last words were, “I couldn’t have had more fun.”

You hear that frequently these days.

Life for many people has been reduced to just having fun: eating, drinking, traveling, flaunting their money, and having a good time.

Many wealthy people have set that poor example by spending exorbitant amounts of money on cars, houses, throwing parties, as well as many frivolous pursuits. “Living the good life,” they call it.

When we come to the end of the road the Lord is going to ask us all, “What did you do with your life?”

Only what we do to help others will last. We’re not sure saying “I had fun” will cut it!

“Labor not for things that won’t last, but rather labor for those things that are eternal.” (John 6:27)





## **GIMME MORE!**

Seems like people are never satisfied these days!

They always have to have another beer, another portion of mashed potatoes, raise the volume even more on their sound system.

They want more. They want another. They want bigger, better, fancier, cooler. More caffeine, more drugs, more pleasure, faster, faster, and faster!

But something's gotta give!

Sooner or later we will all have to come back down to the ground. Sooner or later we will all have a wake up call. We will all be humbler then. We will all be more loving.

Then, and only then, will we finally all be **HAPPY**.

“Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” (Psalms 37:4)



## THAT EMPTY FEELING

People are greedily attached to their material things. Things make up such a large part of people's lives.

They have substituted visible, material things, for real values of love, family, and unity.

Then they wonder why they feel empty.



## KEEP GIVING, KEEP RECEIVING

A farmer plants his seeds. He plants different seeds at different times of the year. Then, he waits. The time will come when he will start seeing the fruit of his labor.

The farmer doesn't expect to plant only once and then harvest for the rest of his life. He knows he must keep planting on a consistent basis.

The same holds true with giving. Giving isn't a one time thing. If we want to keep receiving, we must keep giving.

It is only as we keep giving... that we can keep receiving.

“Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye always have sufficiency in all things.” (2 Corinthians 9:7,8)



## THE RIGHT PRIORITIES

Greed is flaunted in our faces in movies and on television to where many people now accept it as normal.

It's no wonder that more and more people think nothing of living selfishly.

But there is only one thing we can take with us from this life: that is what we do unselfishly and for others. Only what we do for love, and for the Lord will last.

We are here to enjoy life. That's not bad. Just so long as we don't lose sight of the right priorities and what is real...

The things that will last,  
Forever!

“For we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”  
(2 Corinthians 4:18)



## OPEN UP!

Some people only think of themselves. They are only looking to receive. They are complainers. They are always unhappy, depressed, and have many problems.

Other people give, and give, seeking nothing in return. They forget themselves. They think of others and put others' needs before their own.

They are happier because they have discovered the joy that comes from giving. They even enjoy better health!

It is in giving of ourselves that we find the truest joy. It is in opening our hearts to others... that we find the FULLNESS of God.

“He that plants sparingly shall reap also sparingly, but he that plants bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Co. 9:6)



## THEM FIRST

Many people are only looking to receive. They want to get, but they don't want to give. Their focus is wrong. They are only thinking of themselves.

You don't get blessed if you give looking to receive something in return. That is not giving. You don't get blessed if you are nice to someone because it furthers your personal agenda. That is not loving. You don't get blessed thinking only of yourself. Giving is putting someone's needs above your own.

Giving is thinking of others...  
And putting them first!



## THE REASON

The reason God has given riches to you is so that you *can* give: so that you can help others!



## TIME TO LISTEN

In the world we're living in, a lot of people are starving just for someone to talk to once in a while. And they are blown away when they see that you are willing to stop everything and show them you care enough to listen.

Do you want the key to every heart? Do you want the secret to winning people's favor? Stop trying to push your own agenda for a few minutes.

Stop trying to make people listen to you, and show some sincere interest in them. Give of yourself. Let them speak their piece.

If you truly want to hear what they have to say, and you listen with an open mind as well as an open heart, they will not only feel that someone showed them God's love that day...

But you may also actually learn something yourself!

"Let every man be swift to hear and slow to speak."  
(James 1:19)





## HOW WE GET FED

We need to stop looking for spiritual nourishment from man. We need to stop looking to slake our thirst from the empty cisterns of organized religion.

God wants His children to receive their answers straight from Him, and then pass them on to others.

That's how *we* get fed.



## **AS SURE AS THE LAW OF GRAVITY**

Some people just don't seem to get it.

It seems like many haven't figured out that before you can harvest, you first have to plant. We can only reap what we have first sown. And if we want to receive abundantly, we first have to be generous in our planting.

Yet many live like paupers here on Earth, spiritually, emotionally, as well as materially, because they expect to receive without ever giving.

The law of gravity says, "What goes up must come down." And God's rule of giving is simple: What goes around comes around.

Our lives are like mirrors. If you want to receive...

You're going to have to start by **GIVING!**

"Give, and it shall be given unto you... With the same measure that ye give it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)



## **ALWAYS HAVE**

Having a lot of money doesn't come without its consequences. The wealthy live in continual fear, fear of losing their riches. They are constantly fighting to keep their money, usually to the impoverishing of their own souls.

Now, you may not be rich, but if you want to know the secret to God's blessings, it is to put God first, be grateful for what you have, and start giving more to others.

You may not become as rich as one of today's rich and powerful, greedy "one percenters"...

But you will ALWAYS have what you need!

"Give me neither poverty nor riches." (Proverbs 30:8)



## A CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Some very wealthy people are doing all kinds of things to help the poor and needy. They give from their hearts.

Other rich people live greedy, selfish lives and are never satisfied. We really can't presume to know where another person is at, when it comes to giving. Only God sees our hearts.

But *each* of us can do what we can to help others. We can go to bed at night feeling good about ourselves.

A clean conscience is a good thing!



## HOW TO BE MISERABLE

Life for many has become about getting more things. They spend their days trying to get more.

But material things, and the pleasure they afford are fleeting. Instant gratification is gone... in an instant, and then you are left empty.

You can have all the money in the world, but if you don't have peace in your heart and someone to share it with, you will be miserable.

Happiness doesn't come from keeping it all for yourself...

But by sharing!



## **TALKERS or DOERS?**

People talk. People complain. They offer their opinions on all kinds of things and give their unsolicited advice.

But so many of them DO nothing positive and constructive to make a difference. They just complain.

There are people who talk, and there are people who do.

Which one are YOU?



## FAST TALKERS

People everywhere are trying to make a sale. These people are high energy. They work themselves up! They pressure you, they intimidate you. You can't avoid them when you try to buy a new car.

Time shares, politics, or religion, they are all trying to sell you something. Their tricks are all the same. The world is full of fast talkers.

God is not a fast talker. He speaks slowly, softly. His spirit soothes, comforts and heals. God gives.

The only thing he asks in return, is your love.

“I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.” (Psalms 116:1,7)



## SQUEEZE

Some people know how to make money. It seems that's all they live for. They sure know how to squeeze money out of you.

I never had it in me to want to learn how to make a lot of money at another's expense. All I ever wanted to do was travel, see new sights, meet new people. I wanted to discover other cultures, learn new languages. I wanted to see how other people thought and how they lived.

But the Internet is eroding away our uniqueness and threatens to, slowly but surely, turn us all into a homogeneous mass of humanity with an internet mindset, one of selfishness and greed.

PEOPLE, not things, are what life is all about. Love, not greed, and giving without looking to receive, are the only things that TRULY make life worth living!

Don't let it squeeze the life out of you!





## DON'T PUT IT OFF

Life passes by so quickly. The months fly by. The years.

Too many people when they come to the end of their lives realize they lived selfishly. They now wish they had done more for others. They wish they had made a difference when they had the strength. Don't let that happen to you.

Start doing something today to enhance the lives of others. Don't put it off. Ask God how. He will show you!

You *never* lose by giving.

“I must do the works of Him while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work.” (John 9:4)



## INGRATITUDE

There is almost nothing as bad as ingratitude. When someone does something to help you, the worst thing you can do is not express your gratitude to them.

It is so easy to show appreciation. All it takes is a word or two. We all like to be acknowledged.

Showing gratitude is just one more way we can live Jesus' simple rule of doing unto others as we would like them to do unto us.



## OUR MOTIVE

Some people say they are giving to God when they donate to a charity. But if they do it only in order to receive a tax write off, they are not really giving to God. They are only looking for a way to give less to the government.

Others say they are giving by creating jobs for people. But they aren't giving to God either. They are trading their money for people's time and labor.

Neither of these are examples of *true* giving, because both are receiving something in exchange. And that doesn't count as giving as far as God is concerned.

In God's eyes, giving is when we expect to receive nothing in return. Giving is something we do out of love for Him and our neighbor.

It all depends on our MOTIVE.



## MORE THAN THINGS

On television and online we hear of the super rich and their excesses of wealth. In the press we read about people who have vast riches, more than they could ever need or use in a dozen lifetimes!

Yet this is the perverted appetite of many. They lap it up and actually admire these flaky individuals.

Well, I don't want to hear about the selfish few and their greed. I don't want to hear about things that I can't have, things that I will never have.

I know that life is more than things.

“I have learned in whatever state I am, there to be content.”  
(Philippians 4:12)



## DEEP SEATED

Man has always been selfish. Man has always hardened his heart and ignored the plight of the poor, sad to say. Man's basic nature is selfish. To think of himself, to watch out for himself is natural.

But it is this same selfishness that has caused all of our problems. It is this selfishness that has made man so sad and created the hell that we are living in.

Only the love of God ruling in man's lives can overcome the selfishness that is so deep seated in the heart of man.



## **THESE “GOOD PEOPLE”**

It's funny how some people see themselves. Some people are quick to tell you all about how good a human they are. They even brag about it. They say they are fair, or unselfish, or generous, or something. But often, this is not at all how others see them!

These “good people” are delusional, and I don't think there is anything you can do about it. Move on.

Look for people who are not into themselves.



## AS WE FEED OTHERS

As the days grow darker, ALL of us will have to receive guidance and instruction and spiritual feeding directly from God. We will get fed, not by seeking it for ourselves, but by hearing from God and sharing it with others.

We will get fed by feeding others. You know the feeling: When the Lord leads us to talk to someone, we get inspired and the Holy Spirit starts giving us verses and things. We start receiving all kinds of things for that person. It's really cool. And as we share the things we receive, we receive more, WE get fed also!

As we give, we receive. "As we pour out, He'll pour in." THIS is the way we all are to get fed and not by looking elsewhere, not by looking to worldly so called pastors and their stale "bread".

We must each, individually, receive from the Lord and then pass it on. We must look further, forward to the needs of others, mainly the young people of today.

We will get fed spiritually, as we spiritually feed others.



## REAL SATISFACTION

People seek instant gratification. Life is becoming more and more about pleasure and power. And they want it NOW.

It's a spirit, an unquenchable, relentless spirit. Wanting more and more is a vicious cycle that continually tempts you yet never delivers on its promise of contentment.

Only the Lord can free you from its grip and give you the peace and satisfaction you seek.





## HOW INSANE ARE YOU?

Why do people talk so much!

Some people talk and talk and talk. And they don't even seem to think there is anything wrong with it. They can go on for hours incessantly. They are so full of themselves.

The world is full of selfish people.

They say the insane only think of themselves. They rarely think of anyone else. They live in their own little worlds where everything revolves around them.

How insane are YOU?

“He that hath knowledge spareth his words, and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.” (Proverbs 17:27)



## ICICLES

The rich businessman prides himself in “giving” employment to his workers. But he isn’t giving anything. He is making himself even richer off of the toil of his low paid slaves.

The politician takes pride in himself for “serving” his constituents. But he is only serving himself as he flaunts his self righteousness and fills his wallet.

The priest, pastor and minister speak high lofty words of “wisdom” as they guilt trip you into submission to their version of God.

They are all smooth talkers. Cold, like icicles. They seem to always have all the answers. They are not “givers”. They are “takers”.

The world is crying out for warmth, for compassion and tenderness. People are starving for love.

Will YOU give it to them?



## SHOW THEM

Someone told me he was “happy that we’re helping the poor”.

But what he really meant was he is happy that someone *else* is doing it, meaning someone besides him! That’s what he was saying.

If you really like what somebody’s doing then you’re going to be right there working with them side by side, or you’ll be helping them in some way, with money or materials, whatever they need.

Don’t just tell someone you like what they’re doing. Show them with actions and kind deeds!



## **IT'S TRUE!**

God's financial plan is "the more you give the more you get". His financial plan doesn't provide for greediness but for giving, for abundance now, along with eternal blessings and God's favor not only in this life but also in the next.

You can try to tell that to a rich person and they won't believe it, because the way they got rich wasn't by giving. It was by being greedy and selfish. It's hard for them to see how you can gain by giving.

But it's true!



## BEACONS

Where are the beacons in this world?

So many people out there seek their own glory. So many voices sing their own praise. So many flaky and superficial people are idolized and held up as role models.

But, where are the beacons? Where are the people we can really look up to and admire?

Mother Teresa was a beacon of love. She was a beacon of compassion.

Mother Teresa didn't live a life of self exaltation, but a life of service. She spent her entire life helping the poorest of the poor. Yet most of her good deeds went unnoticed, known only to God.

Mother Teresa was and always will be a true beacon to the world.

“When you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me.” (Matthew 25:40)



## PAMPER THE RICH?

I overheard a very wealthy man complaining that people ask him for money. He said it made him feel *uncomfortable* that people saw him as a possible source of financing for their projects, business ideas, charities and such. Think about that.

So many people in this world are poor and struggling. They have really hard lives, yet this man was whining because poor people make him uncomfortable!

Well, I think he probably *should* feel uncomfortable. Maybe he has a guilty conscience. Maybe he is not doing things to help others. It's not the poor's fault that the rich have guilty consciences. It's theirs for being so greedy and not giving more!

It's funny how the rich want to be pampered. They spin things to justify themselves and their greediness. They somehow always come out on top in their arguments in defense of their selfish ways.

I think it's perfectly acceptable that someone with lesser means would hope that a rich person might have compassion on them and befriend them and help them.

If you've got a lot of money, it's not for you to complain that people hope you will help them. That's why God gave it to you:

So that you can help others!



## NO REGRETS

So many people go through their lives and waste their time on trivial pursuits. Then before they know it, they grow old and look back and wish they had done more.

They now wish they had the strength. They wish they had the drive they had in youth. They regret not having done more for others. But it's too late.

Are you spending your time on things that have no value in the place where we are going? The things we do today... will we have anything to show for them tomorrow?

Scary thought? Better get busy!

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, where you will go.” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)





## HOW MUCH IS LEFT

You read about someone giving millions to a good cause. The press makes a big deal out of it.

But if they are giving only a tiny fraction of what they have, they are not really giving much.

It's not how much you give that matters; it's how much you keep back, how much you have *left over*, that counts!



## TWO THINGS

A lot of people complain that they don't have more money. They think they have it hard.

But if you have the Lord and do two things, God will not only bless you, but He will also cause you to grow and multiply. He will give you more!

FIRST: give a percentage every month, of everything you make, to someone else, to someone more needy, or to some good cause.

SECOND: start doing something concrete to share the Truth of God's Word with those around you.

If you do these two things, God will never fail to bless and prosper you. This simple rule remains the same: "Give, and ye shall receive."

But you have to first start by doing the GIVING!

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee."

(Deuteronomy 16:17)



## SHOW APPRECIATION

We all like to feel special. We all like to feel appreciated.

It's really nice when someone appreciates our efforts. We feel good when someone notices the job we are doing, and the sacrifices we make. That encourages us to do an even better job.

So let's make the people we love feel special by showing them that we really appreciate them. Let's show them we care.

It doesn't take much to encourage someone. A word of encouragement goes such a long way...  
And can really make someone's day!

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”  
(Matthew 7:12)



## MY OH MY

“Me me me.”

“Mine mine mine.”

“Gimme gimme gimme.”

My oh my!

This is the reason the world is in such a mess!



## IMAGINE

Man spends trillions of dollars on war, security, and defense, every year!

Imagine how the world would be if even half that amount of money went to building hospitals, parks, and schools.

Imagine how everything would change if everyone was fed, clothed, and warm.

With that kind of money we could free man from the burden of poverty, ease the agony of uncertainty, sleep at night without fear, and all smile once again. Imagine that!

People tell me that isn't realistic. They say it's impossible. They insist it can't be done.

They say we are dreamers.

We are.

“To him that believeth ALL things are possible.” (Mark 9:23)



## ARE YOU BUSY?

We read about a man whose company is worth three billion dollars, and he answers every one of the 200 emails he receives every day. Imagine that!

He says he gets up at 4 am to do it. He figures that if someone takes the time to write him, the least he can do is write ‘em back an email in response. How cool is that!

No doubt most of the people who email him receive just a line or two which he probably “copies and pastes” into the email, but at least he sends them something! Instead of snubbing them he acknowledges them. With that kind of attitude no wonder he’s so successful!

We are ALL busy these days. None of us like to be ignored.

Jesus said, “Do unto others.” That’s not just only being considerate...

It’s also good business!



## LOVE GOD?

Many people say they love God. Many people say He is first in their lives. And that is fine, but many people are only looking to receive.

Every one of God's children should be asking themselves: What am I doing to get out the Word? What am I doing to share God's message with those around me?

If we are not actively sharing His Word, we are failing God, and we are failing others. Because that's what we are here for, to spread His gospel of hope and love.

The true message of Christ was not one of receiving, but one of giving. He gave His all to us.

Should we not do the same for Him?

“Freely ye have received. Freely give.” (Matthew 10:8)



## REAL LOVE

People are quick to help those who they think will help them some day.

But the real test of giving is when you give to someone from whom you will receive nothing in return.

To give when it hurts, to give when you will receive nothing in return, to give when it represents a sacrifice: This is when it really counts.

This is what giving is all about.

This is love.





## THE SECRET TO MORE MONEY

Do you want more money? Do you need more money? The secret to getting more is: to give of what you already have!

I know it seems illogical, but it's true!

Set aside a portion of every bit of money that comes in over the month. At the end of the month ask the Lord who you should give it to. And do it!

Give it away. And God will give you more!

Just don't forget to tell them that the Lord told you to give it to them. Give God the glory.

Help a friend, a neighbor, a relative, or maybe someone you don't even know, God will bless it. And you will feel good for doing it.

No one is too poor to give. That's the key to God's blessings and provision: "Give, and ye shall receive."

But first YOU have got to do the GIVING!

"The liberal soul shall be made to prosper." (Proverbs 11:25)



## THAT DAY WILL COME

It's not a "sin" to have money. It's what you DO with it that counts.

Some wealthy people do all kinds of things to help the needy. They use their wealth to help the less fortunate. God bless them. And He will!

But too many rich people these days use their money to fuel their greed. They are never satisfied. They want more toys, bigger, more expensive toys. To make things worse, they flaunt their riches in the faces of the poor.

We all know that the rich of this world care more about holding on to their riches and increasing them than helping their fellow man.

Well, they have their reward. But the meek shall inherit the earth.

That day most surely will come!



## TRUE BEAUTY

A lot of people today suffer from lack of self esteem. And this is only made worse by movies and television that make people feel they have to be as physically attractive as Hollywood celebrities and the rich and famous.

But we can be set free from that bondage and the pressure that makes us feel we have to be like everyone else.

True beauty is more than just physical appearance. A person with love in their heart that cares for others will always be attractive. This inner beauty will always be found irresistible to the opposite sex.

A loving person will never be a lonely person. Ask God to give you great love for others, and you will be more beautiful than ever.

If you give love, you'll get love!

“A meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price.”  
(1 Peter 3:4)



## FINDING PURPOSE IN LIFE

They say that to be happy you need: something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for.

We all want to feel useful. We find satisfaction contributing to a project or being part of a team.

That's why many people decide to become cops, firemen or join the armed forces. They find satisfaction in being part of a noble cause and helping others.

Jesus said we should love our neighbor and think of others. Because it is only in thinking of others and not of ourselves that we will find true happiness. It even cures depression!

Only God and His love can fill the heart of man. And it is only in giving His love and helping others that we can find true purpose in our lives.



## THE TIME IS NOW

Worldly preachers and New Age voices vie for our attention.

Too many of God's own people seek treasure where there is only trash. They seek to quench their spiritual thirst with waters from worldly streams. Hence they never grow up spiritually.

Leadership training is long over. The school bell rang a long time ago.

God now wants each of His children to go straight to the source, receive their spiritual nourishment directly from Him, and share those things with this desperate, needy world.

“Feed His sheep” was Jesus’ commandment to His disciples then.

“FEED HIS SHEEP” is His commandment to us TODAY.

“I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation.” (Psalms 40:10)



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE

At the end of our lives we will not be judged by how much education we had, nor by how much money we had.

Neither will we be judged by how much fun and good times we had. We will be judged by the love we gave.

People don't like to be reminded of this in our modern internet world. They don't want to be awakened from their slumber.

But it's true: Love is the only yardstick by which we will ALL be judged.

It's not too late to start!

“He is no fool who gives a life he cannot keep, for a love he'll never lose.”



## WHAT GOES AROUND

When we plant seeds, a crop comes up and we enjoy the fruits thereof. But once we eat it, it's gone.

The cool part is, when we sow seeds of love, compassion and other good things here, besides reaping benefits here and now in our lives, these things actually carry over to the next world. Our good deeds live on!

So, every kind and loving deed goes out like a ripple and affects us and those around us for good. But, in like manner, every unkind word and every unloving deed sends out ripples for bad things, whether we realize it or not.

Our two worlds are interconnected, inseparable, overlapping, and intertwined. One is but a reflection of the other.

What goes around, does, most assuredly come around... and will be to our lasting credit, or shame.



## START TODAY

The winds of change are blowing upon our planet. We're living in a world different from the one our parents knew. There is an ideological war being waged, not only for the hearts and minds of men but also for their usefulness for God during this life.

But the majority of people have been lulled to sleep by the cares and worries of their everyday lives. They spend their time in frivolous pursuits and don't see the storm clouds forming over the horizon. The day will come when we will not enjoy the freedoms we now have.

It's time to get down to business for the Lord. It's time to stop living selfishly and start thinking of others. You will receive more only as you start learning to give. You will receive the spiritual feeding you seek only as you start giving out to others.



One way you can do this is by reading these readings with your family and praying together before starting your day, and then getting online and sharing them with your contacts and friends and encouraging them to do the same.

START TODAY, and God will start moving more in your life.

What are you waiting for?



## WHICH AM I?

Some people give of themselves unselfishly and sacrificially. They give not only of their substance, but they give of themselves, they help, they put other people's needs above their own.

Others only think of themselves and what's in it for them, what they can get out of it. They are always looking to receive. Probably most of us are a little bit of both, sad to say.

God is a giver. He is always giving life and light to the world. God is always there for us and quick to respond to our needs.

He understands. His love is never ending. And He always receives us with open arms.

Lord, help us all to be more like YOU!



## TO BE CONTINUED

We should all ask ourselves: “What are we doing now in this world that we will be able to take with us into the next?” That is the question.

If we are happy with the answer, and if we think we will be comfortable when we stand before God’s throne some day, because that day will come, then we have nothing to worry about.

A very wise person once said: “We cannot be selfish and unloving in this life, and unselfish and loving in the next. The two are too closely linked. One is but a continuation of the other.”

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”  
(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)



## **START PRACTICING!**

Science has proven that a tiny newborn baby needs to be touched. He needs to be cuddled to grow healthy. Yet people are starving for affection. People are starving for love.

With so many of us here on the Earth, and with there being roughly an equal amount of both sexes, why are so many people lonely?

Because many think only of themselves. They are looking to receive. They haven't realized that a happy relationship, a happy marriage, is where two people *give*. When they both give, then they both receive at the same time. That's how it works.

So if you want to find someone special, if you would like to have a lively, fun, rewarding, and satisfying relationship... Start practicing for it NOW.

Learn to be GIVING!



## THAT THING YOU DO

Someone once said: “Don’t tell me what you believe. Tell me what you DO all day and I’ll tell you what you believe!”

Our lives speak so much louder than our words. No matter how you see yourself, no matter how many lofty ideas you have, what you actually DO is what’s important. That’s what defines you. You become the things you do day in and day out.

We all, each and every one of us, are creating our eternal destiny at this very moment by the things we do. We can live selfishly, or we can have the life we long for by being loving and giving and caring.

And that begins with how we live, and what we DO, today!





## **A SIMPLE PRAYER**

Lord, open my mind, open  
my heart and open my eyes that  
I may see the bigger picture, Your  
greater plan, and how I fit into it.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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