

Abound in Kingdom Giving

Part 2

1) Unveiling the Mysteries of Kingdom Giving

- “Give”

Giving is a nonnegotiable kingdom virtue. It is a command. It is the acceptable lifestyle of a kingdom citizen. Some people may wonder if giving is necessary. Yes it is necessary and beyond it being necessary, it is an active requirement for growth. Through your giving, you can evaluate your growth spiritually.

Matthew 6:2-3 (NIV)

“So **when** you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But **when** you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

- Priority in Kingdom Giving

2 Corinthians 8:5 NKJV

And not *only* as we had hoped, but they **first** gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God.

Acts 6:4 (NKJV)

but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

- Frequency of Kingdom Giving

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Philippians 4:16 (NKJV)

Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

- Give daily

If Jesus taught his disciple how to pray and told them to ask God to give them daily bread, it means there is a possibility of “giving daily” and receiving daily. In other words, Jesus was bringing to their attention a dimension of God that they may or may not have been aware of.

Matthew 6:11 (NKJV) - Give us this day our daily bread.

- Give at opportune times

When Abraham gave Melchizedek, no one asked Him to do so. He sought an opportunity to give. From his giving, the principle of the tithe was exemplified. Do not say, I do not know when to give. It is your responsibility to seek out those opportunities.

Genesis 14:20 (NKJV)

And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

- Give sacrificially

Jesus used the example of a widow’s giving to exemplify sacrificial giving in the kingdom.

Luke 21:1-4 (NKJV)

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow

has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”

- **Give cheerfully**

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- **Give bountifully**

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

- **Give expecting a harvest**

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” When you sow, expect to reap because it is a principle.

2) What Do We Give?

Just to name a few;

- **We give yourself to the Lord** (in studying the word, praying, fasting, services to God and to the house of God)

2 Corinthians 8:4 (NKJV)

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- We “Forgive”

Mark 11:25 (KJV)

And when ye stand praying, **forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Matthew 6:15 (KJV)

But if ye **forgive** not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- We give “tithes”, “offerings” and “first fruits”

- We give “finances”

Philippians 4:15 (TPT)

For I want you to know that the Philippian church was the only church that supported me in the beginning as I went out to preach the gospel. You were the only church that sowed into me **financially**,

Luke 8:3b (TPT)

Many other women who supported Jesus’ ministry from their own **personal finances** also traveled with him.

- We give “thanks”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- We give “respect” and “honor”

Romans 13:7 (NLT)

Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and **give respect and honor** to those who are in authority.

- We give “greetings”

Philippians 4:21-22 (NLT)

Give my greetings to each of God’s holy people—all who belong to Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send you their greetings. And all the rest of God’s people send you greetings, too, especially those in Caesar’s household.

3) Whom Do You Give?

- **Give to your family**

1 Timothy 1:8 (NKJV)

If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

- **Give to your instructors** (prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, etc.)

Galatians 6:6 (NKJV)

Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

- **Give to advance kingdom projects**

Philippians 4:15-20 (NKJV)

Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **Give to the needy**

Matthew 6:2a and 3a (NLT)

When you give to someone in need...

But when you give to someone in need...

4) Attitude of a giver/receiver

The attitude of a giver and a receiver should be that of willingness. The Father willingly gave. The expectation is that we should willingly receive.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

5) Principles of Giving from John 3:16

a) Principle of the seedtime and harvest

In John 3:16, the principle of seedtime and harvest is exemplified. **Genesis 8:22 NKJV** - “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

b) Principle of intentionality

In John 3:16, God was intentional about His giving to us. Our receiving ought to be intentional in order for us to benefit fully from the gift. **Romans 10:9 (NKJV)** - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

c) Principle of Choice

In John 3:16, God the Father was not under any form of pressure to do what He did. He made a decision and it was His choice. Giving is a choice. **Philippians 1:3-4 (NKJV)** - Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

d) Principle of Giving and Receiving

In John 3:16, we also see the principle of giving and receiving highlighted. God gave, we have to receive His gift. The mindset of one who gives with the right attitude is that the gift should be received.

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