# THE MYSTERY BEHIND GIVING

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**Prayer**

Our Father and Maker, we thank You for today and for the privilege to be here, accept our thanks in Jesus name. As we go into Your Word, teach us Yourself in Jesus name, thank You Father, in Jesus name we have prayed. Amen!

**Study**

I welcome you all once again to today's study and I pray that God almighty will teach us Himself in Jesus name. Amen. Today, we are looking at a topic which The Lord has been laying in my heart for so long now but I have not been able to really get a go ahead all these while, but I believe He is leading me to take the teaching now. This teaching is basically for everyone as God is about to reveal a lot of things in the lives of those serving Him today. He is about to reveal hidden secrets to us tonight, so, I would want us to really concentrate tonight and not be disturbed or distracted. The Holy spirit is the pioneer of this topic through His servant, therefore, kindly follow patiently and calmly if you really want a change in your life in the area. Like I said earlier, it's a topic for this particular season and I know God wants us to really know about it that's why we are having such topic today. Therefore, follow keenly please. Our text for this topic is a popular verse we all know which is **John 3:16 .** But then, before we go into the text properly, let's look at some definitions, as we know we are engaging in a study, so we should know some things.

**What is Giving?**

Let's look at some definitions of Giving according to Merriam Webster dictionary. Giving is to give and *to give* is to;

*Put into the possession of another for his or her use*

*Cause one to have or receive*

*Make available : provide generously*

A powerful definition of giving I love most is this; *Giving means to sacrifice to others*

What a powerful definition! We have a lot of definitions for giving but when you look at all together, you would see and notice that they all sum up to something which is to sacrifice. To sacrifice means *the act of giving up something that you want to keep especially in order to get or do something else or to help someone.* Which means to sacrifice is never easy because you would want to keep that thing but won't have the choice than to give it out to help someone. A perfect example or explanation of what sacrifice means is when we look at the life of our father, Abraham, the only child he got at his old age through Sarah, God told him to sacrifice to Him. Nobody would say Abraham wanted isaac dead because he was the only son he had born through his legitimate wife. I'm sure if Abraham had told Sarah what God told him, Sarah would have hidden her son from her supposed wicked husband as she would have thought, but because Abraham understood what giving was, he set out to sacrifice his only son to God and God was surprised that someone born of a woman could do so. Then He replaced the sacrifice with a ram for him. I believe we now have the knowledge of what giving is, right?

Let's now proceed to our text**, John 3:16 KJV** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Let's look at something here. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son I want you to lay aside your usual explanation of this verse for now, I know you are very familiar with it even right from when you were a child or teenager, but please put that knowledge aside for now and kindly listen to something so that you will get it well. I want to show us the formula here in this verse which is,

Love + give= Salvation (eternal life)

Because God gave His only son due to the love He has for us, it birthed our salvation. What would have been so precious to God to give as sacrifice since we

know love demands sacrificing of things that we would always want to keep? If God had sacrificed or gave one of the angels, It wouldn't have been so much precious in His sight because we as humans, we are greater than angels. They are meant to minister to us and we are to send them on errands. So, what would have been so precious to give as a way to demonstrate His love? God thought and saw that nothing was as precious as His son who is a part of Him. Remember that the trinity are one so it literally means God gave Himself for the world. Here is love! I have heard a lot of youth profess love with their mouths to sisters but when someone starts chasing both of them with a Cutlass, the brother would leave the sister whom he just told he loves so much and run for his dear life not minding what happens to the sister he claimed to love. This is not the definition of love according to the bible. I have also heard how wives proclaim to love their husbands but packed out of the house when things seem not to go well. They would rather go after someone else who has something to offer financially than staying with the husband they claim to love with all their heart. This is fake love! True love is seen in **John 3:16**. Now, let me show you the extent of His love. God gave His only son who was very precious to Him to come to the world and pass through sufferings and even die. Now look at this,

**Jesus is precious to God**

**•God also loves the people in the world**

Do you see that it's difficult for one to decide in a situation as this? If we are to look at it humanly, we know that any one between the two which goes for the sake of the other is the less precious one to the person who chose it. If God doesn't give His son to die for the world, it means He really loves His son than those in the world and if He gives His son to die, it means He loves the people of the world than His son. Literally, an average human being would be stuck between making this decision but God wasn't. He wanted the people to be reunited back to Him because of how He loved us so He offered His only son as a sacrifice. Now note this, not that His son is less precious to Him but He had to display the true meaning of love to and what giving entails and He gave His son to die for us. What beautiful and awesome Father we've got!

*Somebody, appreciate the King of Kings and The Lord of Lords please* Thank you

Our Father for the display of love. And because Jesus humbled Himself even till He died on the cross, God exalted Him. **Philippians 2:8-11 KJV** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross**. [9]** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **[10]** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; **[11]** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This is why no one can come to God unless through Jesus because Jesus paid the price. **John 14:6 KJV** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Nothing tangible comes so freely, you work for it, you pay the price and receive the glittering price. Let's proceed, we are heading somewhere, just wanted to show us something from that popular verse of the bible. Let's look at some bible verses to explain some things. Like I have said, today's topic is a powerful one, if you follow patiently and be the doer and not just reader of it, you will experience drastic changes this month than other months. There are a lot of things we Christians are ignorant of, and some of this things are what the unbelievers are doing and prospering. Should I tell you a pure truth? You can be a genuine child of God and be poor materially and financially.

A child of God who refuses to work and be diligent in his or her job will definitely be poor, God is not lazy for Him to take clay and mould it in a being before he breathe into it. Do you think it's easy to mould an object? Talk more moulding a full being, somebody with hands, legs, mouth, teeth and head. If God was lazy, Adam wouldn't have been moulded and received the life of God which made him become a living soul. God didn't procrastinate after He said, Let us make man in our own image **Genesis 1:26 KJV** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. After He said this, what did He do? He immediately carried it out without procrastinating **Genesis 1:27 KJV** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. If God didn't procrastinate, it means procrastination is not good and if you like procrastinating as a child of God, you do not take after Him in that area at all and there is a high probability that you won't achieve a lot

of things. Apart from being diligent, what some Christians lack is giving! This is what makes even unbelievers become rich and wealthy in life even though they don't have Christ (hope of eternal life). It's because they only applied the rule of give and *it shall be given unto you.*

It's a pity that even Christians that have this written in their bibles do not follow it and therefore struggle to make ends meet. Look at this; **Luke 6:38 KJV** 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." It has been recorded already and it's yea and amen! When you engage this rule, it's certain that you will never lack. You can never be a giver and not receive more than you give. The reason most Christians receive salaries and even spend their salaries before they receive it is because they don't give and men do not give to them as a result of this. We will still go deeper a bit but let's look at some bible verses **Psalm 37:21 KJV The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.** Please know that if you have always been borrowing things and refusing to pay, you can't have abundance! If you employ labourers and after they have worked relentlessly, you pay them half of their money and refuse to complete their payment, giving flimsy and unruly excuses why you don't have money, such a person will definitely lack and struggle a lot because such person is living on the sweat of others and God will fight on their behalf. **Matthew 10:6-10 KJV** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **[7]** And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **[8]** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. **[9]** Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, **[10]** Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: **for the workman is worthy of his meat.** If people work for you but you love short paying or not paying them at all, you might be experiencing lack in different areas and not progress. When you owe somebody, ensure that the person is aware of your present condition and why you are not able to pay at that moment. Don't let the person get angry at you for delaying his payment, look for ways to pay up. If the person tells you to pay whenever you have, then it's fine but ensure you pay up quickly. It's a thing of bondage to be in debt.

A common thing occurs between couples where the husband tells his wife to **lend** him some money but will never return such. Anybody who is fond of doing this might experience lack as such is extorting things from his spouse devilishly thinking he is wise. As a wife who does same too, you can bring lack upon your family, it's better to use the word , "**give"** instead of borrowing and not returning. So the person will know it's what he or she can dash out that he or she would give you. Also, in homes, parents love to tell their children to lend them money but if the child later asks for it, they will begin to say different stories of how they gave birth to such child and suffered on him or her. They would say, "is the money I borrowed from you greater than that which I have spent on you?". This is very bad! Anything borrowed is supposed to be returned if you don't want to bring evil or lack on yourself. The verse says, the righteous shows mercy and gives which means as a righteous person, God expects you to show mercy and give. When you show mercy and give, you will also receive mercy and be given a lot of things. So, if anybody who claims to be righteous but stingy and does not give is not following what The Bible says.

**What Does Giving Do?**

1. **It provokes favour:** If we look at the story of Rebekah how she became Isaac's wife, it was because she gave, and she received such favour. **Genesis 24:12-22 KJV** And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. **[13]** Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: **[14**] And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master**. [15]** And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. **[16]** And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. **[17]** And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher**. [18]** And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her

hand, and gave him drink. **[19]** And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. [20] And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. **[21]** And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not. **[22]** And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; She gave water to the servant of Abraham and also gave water to his camels. Though, you would say it was just water but hope you remember water is life. Therefore, because of what she did, she became the wife of someone whose father was a **friend** of God and who was the father of all nations.

2. **It causes salvation and freedom and changes the heart of men :** According to our main text, we would see that God gave His only son and it brought salvation to everyone on Earth. When a person gives, it can cause men to want to serve The God such person serves. Therefore, such can allow them get saved.

3**. It provokes answers to prayers:** Let's look at the case of a very potent giver in the Bible **Acts 9:36-40 KJV** Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named **Tabitha** which by interpretation is called Dorcas**: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did** . **[37]** And it came to pass in those days, tha**t she was sick, and died:** whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber**. [38]** And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. **[39]** Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and **all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them** . **[40]** But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, **Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up,** It was because of the way she gave when she was alive that was why they didn't bury her immediately she died. They laid her somewhere and had to send for Peter who was in another city close to theirs to come quickly unto them. Just imagine what giving did for the woman even after death, all what she gave spoke for her. And

when Peter arrived, they didn't start complaining, they were only weeping and showing him everything the woman did for them when she was alive. Her work was doing the talking not her mouth, she couldn't speak for herself because she was dead but something she had done when she was living spoke for her. Peter had to pray for her to rise because they might not have allowed him to leave without praying. God also saw the works of the woman from heaven and immediately caused her to wake through Peter's prayers. Giving provokes answers to prayers.

4. **Giving makes you lend to The Lord and He will repay back ;** When you give, you are lending to The Lord and as you know that God will never owe any so He pays up quickly. **Proverbs 19:17 KJV.** He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord ; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. So, when you give rightly, you are lending to The Lord and He will pay back.

5. **It eradicates lack:** As I have said earlier, when a child of God refuses to be a giver, such will struggle to make ends meet because such person is not following what the bible says concerning giving. Giving eradicates lack because you will always receive in multiple folds what you have given out, certainly. **Proverbs 28:27 KJV** He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. When you see someone who lacks something and you can help by giving such person, kindly do. No one gives to the poor and lack but when you see someone close to you lacking but you hide your face in order not to render help even though it's within your capability, you invite lack into your life gradually. It's what the bible says and His words do not go unfulfilled! It's painful that even in churches these days, some Christians want their fellow brethren who lack basic things to be inferior and lesser to them. They even want such people to be under them and to even come and be washing their wives' undies In their home. This is so bad and not Christ-like, anybody who wants others not to rise by helping them will definitely introduce lack and want into their own lives too. Whenever it's in your capability to help someone, do!

6. **It brings heavenly rewards: Mark 9:41 KJV** For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.. When you give to others because of Christ, no matter how small you may think it is, there is always a heavenly reward for it. As

you spend your earthly materials for God, you receive heavenly rewards.

7. **When you give, men will give unto you:** This is constant, when you give, men will do so to you too. **Luke 6:38 KJV** 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. Sometimes, when you give, your children and generation are given to. They reap the fruit of your labour.

8**. It shows your faith with works: James 2:14-18 KJV** What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? **[15] If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food [16]** And one of you say unto them, **Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? [17]** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone**. [18]** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and **i will shew thee my faith by my works.** For you to declare you have faith, your works must show for it. When someone comes to meet you for food and you have abundance in your store but you start praying and blasting in tongues that God will provide for the person without giving the person food, you have done nothing profitable to such person because you were in the position to help but you didn't. When you decide to preach to an hungry man, he wouldn't even listen to you because that is not really what he needs at that moment. He needs to keep himself sustained with food to make him live and not die. Therefore, give the person food and the person will have the time to listen attentively to what you have to say.

9. **It opens to you the windows of heaven and rebukes devourers for your sake: Malachi 3:8-11 KJV** Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. [9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. [10] Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. [11] And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,

saith the Lord of hosts. Some earn a lot monthly but still struggle before the end of the month, this is because devourers are feeding on their incomes as a result of lack of giving. When a person gives, devourers are rebuked for such a person's sake and the person finds out that the amount he or she spends a month is even more than the amount he or she earns in a month.

10. **You build your mansions in heaven: John 14:2 KJV** In my Father's house are **many mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you**. I go to prepare a place for you** The moment we gave our lives to Christ, we secured a place in heaven, a mansion, and it's our duty to send materials to heaven for the building of our mansions. One of the ways to send materials to heaven is to give, the more you give, the more materials you send to build your mansions. Now, let's look at ways through which we can give.

**The different ways through which you render giving**

1. **Giving of alms;** Alms are money, clothes, food, and other things given to poor people. You do not need to ask someone whether the person is poor or not, once you notice what someone is lacking, you can provide it. A lot of people do not have good clothes to wear, good food to eat and cannot even send their children to school, they are around you, they could be your neighbors or close to you, help them, give to them, pray for them! **Luke 12:33 KJV Sell that ye have, and give alms**; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. Whatsoever you know you can sell to help others, sell it out, that does not mean you should sell out those things that are of great necessity of life to you though, except you are led to. But do everything within your capability to give alms, it might entail giving some of your best clothes out or selling some of them and giving the money out. Study people closely and give as you are led. There are some people that you literally know you should render alms to, mere seeing them, don't wait for The Holy Spirit to start disturbing you for days to help before you know you need to help them.

2. **Through the act of sowing:** A lot of people do not understand this but the few who understands it are really being blessed through it. Sowing is so much powerful, when you sow into someone's life, you will definitely reap its fruits.

When you plant a crop, you wait for the harvest time to reap what you have sown, isn't it? Exactly! When you sow in tears, you will definitely reap in joy! **2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV** But this I say, **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly**; and he which **soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.** What you reap depends on what you sow, the amount or quantity of maize seeds you plant will determine the amount of maize you will harvest when the time comes to reap. Sowing can come in different ways, you can sow into ministries by meeting the needs of such ministry in any way you can. You can sow into the lives of men of God of those you know are genuine children of God but lacking some things. Sowing can be done in different ways and not only through monetary means. You can sow by rendering a value which is costly for free, you can decide to take upon yourself the project the church is set to embark on by doing it for free. Sowing is very powerful and a means through which you can give.

3. **Through faithful payment of tithes and offerings:** Many christians suffer these days because they refuse to pay the tithes of their income. They keep thinking it's their income that sustains them. No one who pays tithes lacks, I repeat, no one pays tithes and offerings faithfully and lack. I have tried severally testing the accuracy of paying tithes many times and I discovered that whenever I pay my tithes, before the week runs out, I get x5 of what I paid. Sometimes, I get double or even x10 and I just wonder how powerful God is. **Malachi 3:10-11 KJV** Bring ye all the **tithes into the storehouse** , that there may be meat in mine house, and **prove me now herewith ,** saith the Lord of hosts, **if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it**. **[11]** And **I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit** before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. If you want to know if truly the Bible verse is accurate, deliberately pay your tithes and see what happens. This is what I have deliberately tested many times to see. God is never a liar and will stick to His Word. Let me share this with us A woman who is a teacher and works with the government of a state who happens to pay their workers little told me one day. She said her salary is so little that even before the end of the month, it has finished. She now told me that, whenever she pays her tithe, she lives mysteriously because when she calculates the amount she spends

once the month ends, it's usually far far above her salary. So, she wonders how it always happened, she was just confused. That is what God is able to do! She said whenever she doesn't pay her tithe, she struggles that month and find it hard to even eat well. This happens to her mainly because whenever she pays her tithe, the windows of heaven are opened for her that month and the devourers are rebuked for her sake, but the month she doesn't pay her tithe, devourers come to devour the little she has. So, paying tithes and offerings faithfully will really change your life financially, but note that you pay 10% of your income as tithes and any amount you are led to pay as offering. Paying less than 10% of your income makes it automatically an offering not tithe! It can be more than 10% but not less than it. Let me give you a very powerful word, paying more than 10% of your income as tithes really provokes God's blessings upon you. A sister once told me she pays 100% of her income as tithes, I was shocked and dumbfounded. I just kept on imagining how God will keep blessing her. I'm not saying you must pay 100% of your income as tithes unless you are led to do so or you wish to. But I am telling you that paying above the 10% tithes payment really provokes God's blessings upon you.

4. **Through rendering helping hands:** Giving does not necessarily mean giving only monetarily, you can also render helping hands and save a soul in distress just as the good Samaritan in the bible. **Luke 10:30-35 KJV** And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. **[31**] And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **[32]** And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. **[33]** But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, **[34]** And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **[35]** And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

5. **Contributing to the work of God through any means:** When you contribute

monetarily, materially, bodily and even prayerfully to the work of God, you are rendering services to God through that means and He will bless you. There are some people who delight in contributing to Christian ministries, they don't have the power to work but they encourage those in God's vineyard by assisting them greatly. Truly I tell you, they have their reward both earthly and heavenly. You should always be happy and glad to contribute to the work of God because God will always repay those who move His work Forward.

6**. Helping orphans, widows/widowers and aged ones: Acts 9:36-39 KJV** Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas**: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. [37]** And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. **[38**] And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them**. [39]** Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: **and all the widows stood by him weeping**, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. After this, Dorcas died, those who wept the more were widows which means she really took care of them because they showed Peter all the coats and garments she made for them when she was alive. Helping orphans, widows/widowers and aged ones really provokes blessings because they will always pray from the depth of their heart for you. You can go to motherless babies home, orphanage homes and get them a lot of things and also preach Christ to them. You can go to where aged people are, buy a lot of foodstuffs and things for them and they will bless you from their heart. You can provide for widows and widowers and sponsor their children in school if you have the capability. Making all these people happy will make God happy with you and bless you exceedingly.

7. **Praying more than you ought to pay:** We all have little kids who sell cold pure water under hot sun, we have aged women who sell petty things just to send their children to school. We have a lot of people who engage in little little jobs which earn them little just to survive. Please learn to encourage them by giving them more than the amount of things you bought from them. Dashing them your

change will put a smile on their faces and make them happy. This way, you have helped and given to someone. If everyone makes it a point of duty to give something to this people everyday, they will be able to rise and be independent and do well in their business. It's wrong to give to those who are rich already so that they can also give back to you, that is waste of resources and selfishness/, stinginess. **Proverbs 22:16 KJV** He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, **and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.** The rich has it already, why give to him to add to his wealth when there are very poor people out there? May God help us to give rightly. Before we call it a day, let's look at how to give profitably.

Hope you have learnt something so far? Yeah, we have looked at what giving does and ways through which we can give. Now, let's look at how to give profitably or rightly. Without knowing this, you might end up giving and not receive any reward for it.

**How to give rightly and profitably**

1. **Give according to how you purpose in your heart;** Do not be like Ananias and Sapphira who wanted to give more than how they purposed In their heart and ended up sinning against The Holy Spirit. Give according to how your heart gives, do not give because you are forced to neither should you grumble when giving. **2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give ; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. God wants you to give with joy in you that you are giving not that you should give being unhappy inside you but faking a smile outside. This is why it's very wrong and not biblical for any pastor or church to force its members to give. It's wrong. You will also know that, in this ministry (Resurrection ministries), we do not force anyone to give, you are to give according to how you purpose in your heart!

2. **Give justly: Colossians 4:1 KJV** Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Whether you have a servant or not, wherever you find yourself, whether you hired someone to do something for you or work for you, give that which is just and equal. Do not tell someone you will pay a million if he finishes doing your work and after the person must have done it, you now pay him half a million. That is unjust and can

trigger lack in your life. Give justly.

3. **Do not broadcast after giving or give to show off;** A lot of people give to show off which is bad and has no reward! Also, when you give and you begin to broadcast to everybody what you have done for them to know you have given to someone, it's wrong and has no heavenly reward even though men praise you! **Matthew 6:1-4 KJV** Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. **[2]** Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward**. [3]** But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: **[4]** That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. Whatsoever you do to get glory from men has no reward from God and we all know that heavenly reward is far better than an earthly reward. It's better not to give than to give to show off because it has no reward!

4. **Do not see it as a burden on your head and give as though you are giving to God;** When you want to give and you see it as a burden on your head, it means it doesn't come from your heart. And God loves a cheerful giver not a giver that will see giving as a burden. Give freely according to how you purpose in your heart not grudgingly! Also, give to people as though you are giving to God. Do not expect to be worshipped for giving to them, render giving as though you are giving directly to God and He will surprise you.

5. **Do not give to people with the hope of receiving something from them:** When you give to others, do not give with the mindset and hope to receive something back from them. This is common even among unmarried people where you will see a brother buying gifts and a lot of things for a neutral sister. The brother is just helping the sister so that he can date her, that is the main reason for giving to her. There are also cases where the sister would be buying the brother a lot of things, giving him gifts and doing a lot for him so that they can end up marrying even when the brother never at once proposed to her. If such brother ends up marrying another person, the sister feels cheated and sad because she thought he would be hers and had always bought him things so that he would marry her. This is a bad way of giving which is not profitable in the

sight of God. Such a person is just giving for his or her own lust not to help and such doesn't give any heavenly reward. Some married men would want to help some sisters and would tell the sisters to offer them their bodies in exchange for the help they want to render. This is bad and devilish and can invite the wrath of God upon such person if he refuses to repent! Therefore, when you give to people, do not have other intentions in the heart as to why you are giving! Give with a pure and genuine heart.

6**. When you are appreciated or thanked, do not take the glory for yourself but rather give it to God;** When you give, it's normal for people to appreciate and thank you but instead of smiling and being happy that they are appreciating you, give God the glory because He provided it for you before you were able to give out too. This will make God provide more for you for the showcasing of His glory to more people through you. And lastly,

7**. Give what is within your capability;** Do not put yourself in debt because you want to give unless you are led to do so. But if you are not led to do so, kindly give what is within your capability and not what you yourself do not even have. Wisdom is profitable to direct. And as long as you are ready to give, God is ready to repay you in multiple folds! I believe that if you have been finding it hard to give before, it should now be easy for you to do that, having gone through this study. Remember that giving rightly will provoke God's blessings upon you and no matter how small or big you are, you are never too small or big to give anything. Hear this: **Acts20:35 KJV** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Therefore, I urge you all to give more than you receive.

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