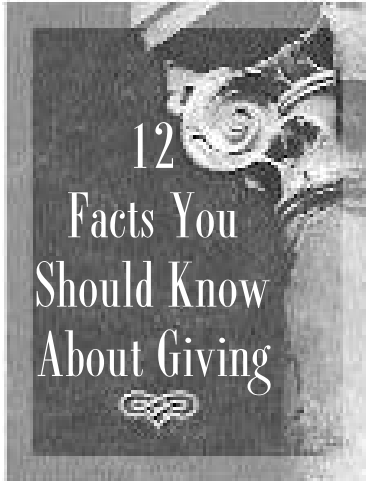


GIVING



Giving Is God's Cure For Greed.



1. The Major Difference Between Satan And God Is That Satan Is A Taker And God Is A Giver. Satan *takes* joy, peace, love. God *gives* joy, peace, love. Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). *Jesus was a Giver:* Of life; Of health; Of love.

2. Giving Is A God-Characteristic. “For God so loved...that He GAVE...” (John 3:16).

3. Giving Impresses God. Proverbs 3:9, 10 interprets an offering as a public honoring of Himself. To God, *an offering is faith in action.* So, *the danger of greed is solved through the act of giving.* The need and importance of money is not ignored.

4. God Promises Response To Giving. “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” (Luke 6:38).

“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. 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” (Malachi 3:10,11).

Why? *God always reacts to faith.*

Jesus marveled at faith. It impresses all of Heaven!

5. Giving An Offering Is An Eternal Proof Of Your Real Faith! (see Malachi 3:10,11). When you sow your Seeds into God's

work, your offering is evidence that you possess:

...a *generous* heart (willingness to *share*);

...a *thankful* heart (willingness to *remember*);

...a *faith-filled* heart (willingness to *trust*);

...a *confident* heart (willingness to *expect*).

Your money represents you. It is your time, your sweat, your energy, your mental abilities, your toil—a major part of you. It is the *power* part of you. With it, you bargain—exchange your way through life. You trade it for food. For shelter. For clothing. You talk with your money. You tell your children you can care through your provision.

6. When You Give It To God, It Is A Public Expression That He Is Important To You. He knows that. You release your money. That's faith in *Him*. That indicates your confidence in *Him*. You activate an *exchange* principle:

You give your *sins* to Him...

He gives *forgiveness* (see 1 John 1:9).

You give your *confused mind*...

He gives you *peace of mind* (see John 14:27).

You give your *unclean heart*...

He gives you a *new one* (see Ezekiel 36:26).

You *release what you have*...

He *releases what He has for you* (see Luke 6:38).

7. Your Giving Is Your Love In Action. It is the *power principle of total prosperity*. *Giving Is A God Characteristic*. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:11).

8. Godly Giving Is To Express Our Appreciation. "A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it..." (Proverbs 17:8).

9. Everyone Has A Need To Give. "...freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

10. Everyone Has Something To Give. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another..." (1 Peter 4:10). It may be a spoken word of *thanks*, a small bouquet of *flowers*, an hour of *time*, a bag of *groceries*, a *commendation* for a job well done, use of your special gift or *ability*. Don't give what you don't have—*give what you have*.

11. Do Not Let Rejection Of Your Gift Stop Your Continued Giving. Jesus kept giving though "...His own received Him not" (John 1:11). Your gift may be rejected if: 1) It is not *really needed*; 2) It is not *valued*; 3) Its purpose is not *discerned*.

12. God Treasures The Giver. He sees His own nature in you and honors it with the *promise of prosperity*:

“And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which Thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God: And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house,” (Deuteronomy 26:10,11).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures” (James 1:17,18).

Sow with great expectation today. “Give, and it shall be given unto you...” (Luke 6:38). *What You Make Happen For Others, God Will Make Happen For You.*

Your Uncommon Seed Will Always Create An Uncommon Harvest.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS AND TAPES ON THIS TOPIC

- B-22 Seeds Of Wisdom On Prosperity (32 pages/\$3)
- B-24 Seeds Of Wisdom On Faith-Talk (32 pages/\$3)
- B-82 31 Reasons People Do Not Receive Their Financial Harvest (251 pages/
\$12)
- TS-38 31 Reasons People Do Not Receive Their Financial Harvest (Six tapes/
\$30)