

The Principle of Giving

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In Mark 11:23-26, Jesus says, **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*. 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. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.**

Jesus said in Luke 6:38, **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.**

God said in Proverbs 3:9,10, **Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.**

God wants you and me, as believers, to excel in every area of our lives: spiritually, physically, financially, emotionally, socially, and be a blessing wherever we go. One way we can do that is by always being a blessing to others. Jesus taught us about giving. The scripture says in John 3:16, **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.** God gave us Jesus so we could have life. Jesus said **...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it more abundantly*** (John 10:10). God wants our lives to overflow with His blessings.

I grew up in poverty. And when I got saved, and baptized in the Holy Spirit and began to be taught about God's Word, (*or the Word of faith*), I found out that the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 8:9: **For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**

I began to tithe, giving God the first 10 percent of my income, and God blessed the floor covering business I had at the time, and it flourished. God miraculously got me through problems and challenges that would come up financially, as well as in other areas in my life.

I took Malachi, Chapter 3, verses 10 through 12, where God said, **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. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.** Think about that last part: And all people, or nations, shall call you blessed -- they'll see the blessings of God in your life.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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