

- j. Your bones shall be made fat.
- k. You will be like a watered garden.
- l. You will be like a spring of water, whose water fails not.

## **CONCLUSION**

There should always be a well-defined purpose for fasting which one should be convinced have been achieved at the end of the fasting. The uttermost purpose for fasting is to spend time before God seeking HIS FACE and His WILL concerning a particular issue. There are times that you may not get the answer as you desire it, but the peace of God can fill your heart with great satisfaction as an indication that God has accepted your prayer.

Thus fasting is abstinence from every disturbances and hindrances to our communion with our Heavenly Father concerning His Will in any issue we place before Him. Set yourself apart today in fasting and praying because The LORD is expecting to hear from you. Amen.

## **BIBLE READING PLAN**

### **Scripture Reading For The Week**

#### **Days Old Testament New Testament**

Monday 1 Chro. 10 – 13 Acts 1  
Tuesday 1 Chro. 14 – 17 Acts 2  
Wednesday 1 Chro. 18 – 22 Acts 3  
Thursday 1 Chro. 23 – 26 Acts 4  
Friday 1 Chro. 27 – 29 Acts 5  
Saturday 2 Chro. 1 – 5 Acts 6  
Sunday 2 Chro. 6 – 10 Acts 7

## **LESSON FOURTEEN**

### **GIVING, THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE**

#### **Text: 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.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Giving is supposed to be a normal life style of every Christian, because we were created in the image and likeness of God. Moreover God breathed His Spirit into us, we are just like him. Our God is the best giver, giving unto us daily and meeting our needs. Being created in His image and having His Spirit, we are expected to give as much as He gives unto us. Unfortunately the opposite is the situation. Many Christians today do not want to give as much as they are being blessed of God, yet they expect to receive even more. Where there is no giving there can also not be receiving. It is only when we give that we can also expect to receive. This is the principle of the seedtime and harvest. Jesus Christ said; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12:24)

In our lesson we want to study on the principles of receiving by giving on the

### **Topic: GIVING THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE.**

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7

#### **1. WHY SHOULD WE GIVE?**

- a. God first gave:- John 3:16.
- b. God is the best giver and He is always giving:- James 1:17.
- c. We are created in God's image and likeness:- Gen. 1:26-27.
- d. Giving promotes relationship and fellowship:- 2Cor. 5:18-19.
- e. Giving motivates God:- Malachi 3:8-13
- f. Giving brings receiving:- Luke 6:38, Matt. 10:40-42.

#### **2. WHAT SHOULD WE GIVE?**

- a. God gave His only begotten Son:- 1John 4:9
- b. We are to give ourselves:- 1Tim. 4:14-15, Rom. 12:1-2.
- c. We are to give our hearts:- Pro. 23:12, 26.
- d. We are to give our time:- 1Tim. 4:13.
- e. We are to give our substances:- Pro. 3:9  
Goods, tithes and offerings:- Mal. 3:8-10, Deut. 14:28-29.
- f. We are to give our family:- Joshua 24:15, Deut. 6:4-7.
- g. We are to give our possessions, whatever are blessed with:- Acts 2:45, 4:34-35.

### 3. WHO SHOULD WE GIVE TO?

Whether our giving shall be accepted and rewarded or not largely depends on what I call the “**5 WH words in giving**”

- i. **Whom** you give to. The personality to whom you are giving.
- ii. **What** you give. The substance, the quality and quantity
- iii. **Where** you give. The place of you giving is also very important.
- iv. **When** you give. The timing is yet another very important factor.
- v. **Why** you are giving. Above all, The Purpose of Giving.

The Bible says; “Where you store your treasure there will your heart be” Matthew 6:21.

Read the

parable of the sower; Matthew 13:1-23

- a. We are to give to God:- Deut. 26:2, 16:16, Ps. 96:7-9, Pro. 3:9.
- b. We give to the Church:- Acts 4:34-35, 1Cor. 16:2.
- c. We are to give to the Ministers of God:- Matt. 10:41-42, Gal. 6:6.
- d. We are to give to the government:- Matt. 22:19-21, 1Tim. 2:1-2, (pay your taxes, be law abiding and pray for those in authority)
- e. We are to give to strangers:- Lev. 19:34.
- f. We are to give to the poor:- Deut. 15:7-11, Luke 12:33.
- g. We are to give to widows, orphans and the needy:- James 1:27.

### 4. HOW TO GIVE (Quality, Quantity and Motive)

In giving the BEST is expected at all times, while the quality is very important yet the motive is much more important.

- a. Cain and Abel:- Gen. 4:3-5.
- b. Abraham gave Isaac:- Gen. 22:1-2.
- c. God gave His most precious gift to mankind:- John3:16.

- d. Jesus established the Ministry of giving:- John 15:13.
- e. We are to give generously:- Ex. 30:15-16, 2Cor. 9:6, Acts 2:42.
- f. According to our ability:- Deut. 16:17
- g. Give freely without selfish motive:- Matt. 10:8.
- h. Give with simplicity:- Rom. 12:8.
- i. Give cheerfully:- 2Cor. 9:7, Acts 20:35.

## 5. THE RESULTS OF GIVING

- a. Except you give, you will not receive:- Luke 6:38
- b. If you refuse to give no one will also give unto you:- Pro. 11:26, 21:13, John 12:24.
- c. Any giving that is done well will surely receive a reward:- Luke 6:38, Matt. 19:29.

## CONCLUSION

Our Christian life will not be fulfilled if we do not live a life of giving. We must first give in order to receive. When man fell from the presence of God, to have him back God have to pay a price. He GAVE His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. By Him today you and I can say we are the sons of God. Also the quality of our giving determines the quality of our receiving. If you do not give the gift or service worthy of appreciation, you will not be appreciated. Give a good gift today in the name of Jesus Christ and receive a greater reward. God richly bless you. Amen

## BIBLE READING PLAN

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 Wednesday 2 Chro. 21 – 25 Acts 10  
 Thursday 2 Chro. 26 – 30 Acts 11  
 Friday 2 Chro. 31 – 33 Acts 12  
 Saturday 2 Chro. 34 – 36 Acts 13  
 Sunday Ezra 1 – 5 Acts 14