

**The Rhythm Of Life
Part 4 – Generosity!**

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(Proverbs 11:25) "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

(Galatians 6:7 & 9) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

(Genesis 8:22) As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night."

(Luke 16:10-11) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

(Matthew 6:24 & 33) "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. 33 But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Luke 12:15-21) Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God".

The Joy of Giving

(Acts 20:35 Message) "You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, "You're far happier giving than getting"

1st Giving makes me more like _____!

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that He gave..."

2nd Giving _____ my faith.

(Luke 6:38) "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

(Malachi 3:10) "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

3rd Giving is an _____ for eternity.

(1 Timothy 6:18-19 LB) "Give happily to those in need, always being ready to share... whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourself in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity."

4th Giving _____ in return.

(Proverbs 11:25) "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

(Proverbs 3:9-10) Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. 10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

A Matter of the Heart

I. Give _____.

(2 Corinthians 8:12) "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

(2 Corinthians 9:7) "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion..."

2. Give _____.

(Psalm 116:12) "How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?"

(1 Chronicles 29:14) "...Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

3. Give _____.

(2 Corinthians 9:7) "...for God loves a cheerful giver."

4. Give _____.

(2 Corinthians 9:6) "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

(2 Corinthians 8:7) "But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving."