

# The Gift of Giving

## Luke 6.38

Often I think that people look at giving their tithes and offerings at Church as more of a burden, rather than a privilege. All of us experience tightening finances; our adversary certainly does not want our giving to be comfortable or easy. Bills come due, repairs are required, taxes must be paid, and so the tithes and offerings at Church seem easy to neglect and set aside.

Yet, the Bible reveals that our tithes and offerings are an incredible spiritual privilege. They are one of the highest forms of worship and reflect the spiritual maturity of the giver. When we give our tithes and offerings, if we give them with the right motivation, and for the right reasons incredible heavenly blessings will come our way; but if we give for the wrong reasons, if we give grudgingly then the reward is lost and discouragement will be the result.

In this passage,

### A. A Sovereign Principle (Luke 6.38) – Give . . .

- **Our Example for giving is God himself,**

*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.*

*Galatians 1:3–5 - Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, **Who gave himself** for our sins, that **he might deliver us from this present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father: <sup>5</sup>To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

God gave His Only Begotten Son to save us from our sins.

- **What God requires in our giving,**

#### **Our Old Testament example**

*1 Corinthians 10:11 - Now all these things happened unto them **for ensamples**; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

- **The Tithe**

*Leviticus 27:30 - And **all the tithe** of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: **it is holy unto the LORD.***

*Leviticus 27:32 - And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, **the tenth** shall be holy unto the LORD.*

- **The Tithe belongs to God** – Will you rob God (Mal 3.8-11)?
- **The Tithe is the first tenth (Lev 27.32)**
- **The Tithe is to be brought to God's house, ONLY (Mal 3.10)**
- **The Tithe is Commanded in the Word of God and will not be moved by the Holy Spirit**

If you will obey God in your giving then Give your Tithe

The Tithe is given to support the Minister in the work of God (Num 18.20-24; cf. 1 Cor 9.9-14)

- **The Offering (2 Cor 9.7)**

The offering is anything God moves you to give over and above your tithe

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

An offering may be given anywhere God leads, but motivation in giving matters.

**B. A Supernatural Promise (Luke 6.38) –**  
Give, **and it shall be given unto you;** . . .

**The Gift of Giving**  
**Luke 6.38**

- A. A Sovereign Principle** – The mind, will, and way of God.
- God's Example - Give
  - The Tithe
  - The Offering

- **Don't Give just to Get – Motivation in giving matters.**

**Covetousness = Greed in the heart**

*James 4:1-3 - From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? **Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain:** ye fight and war,*

*yet ye have not, because ye ask not. <sup>3</sup>Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

- **Giving to Grow** – Giving to honor God.

**C. A Spiritual Progression (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.***

**The Gift of Giving  
Luke 6.38**

- A. A Sovereign Principle** – The mind, will, and way of God.
  - God's Example - Give
  - The Tithe
  - The Offering
- B. A Supernatural Promise** – The mind, will, and way of God.

- **God's Promise**

*Malachi 3:10–12 - 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.** <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.*

