

Someone once asked a non-Christian why he rarely went to church. His answer was, "That's all they ever talk about...**GIVE, GIVE, GIVE!**" This man was actually far more right than he was wrong. The whole message of Christianity can be summed up in one word: **GIVE!** The process began with God: **JOH 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He **GAVE** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God then asks us also to follow His example, and begin a life of **GIVING**, first of ourselves, but also of all that God has given us. Only as we follow His example do we receive back far more than we give in every category.

1. **MAT 5:42** **GIVE to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.**
2. **MAT 6:10** **thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 GIVE us today our daily bread.**
3. **MAT 6:19** **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures (*thesauros*) on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures (*thesauros*) in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.**

**You can't take your money with you (when you die), but you can send it on ahead.**

4. **MAT 6:24** **"No one can serve two masters (*kurios*). 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 (*mammonas*). 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life (*psuche*), what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life (*psuche*) more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek FIRST his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**
5. **MAT 10:8** **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely GIVE.**
6. **MAT 11:12** **From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven (*ouranos*) has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.**
7. **MAT 17:24** **After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax (*didrachmon*) came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax (*didrachmon*)?" 25 "Yes, he does," he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty (*telos*) and taxes (*kensos*) —from their own sons or from others?" 26 "From others," Peter answered. "Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him. 27 "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin (*stater*). Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."**
8. **MAT 25:14** **"Again, it (the Kingdom of Heaven (*ouranos*)) will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants (*doulos*) and entrusted his property (*huparchonta*) to them. 15 To one he gave five talents (*talanton*) of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. 17 So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. 18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the**

ground and hid his master's money. 19 **"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.** 20 **The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'** 21 **"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'** 22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 24 **"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.** 25 **So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'** 26 **"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant (*doulos*)! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?** 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 **"Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.** 29 **For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.**

### Start where you are. Do what you can. Use what you have.

9. **MAR 4:23** If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” 24 “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. **“With the measure (*metron*) you use, it will be measured (*metreo*) to you—and even more.** 25 **Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.**” 26 He also said, “This is what **the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed** on the ground. 27 Night and day, **whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.** 28 **All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.** 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”
10. **MAR 6:35** By this time it was late in the day, so **his disciples (*mathetes*) came to him (*Jesus*).** **“This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late.** 36 **Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.**” 37 **But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”** They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” 38 **“How many loaves do you have?”** he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, **“Five—and two fish.”** 39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 **Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.** 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and **the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.** 44 **The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.**
11. **MAR 10:21** Jesus looked at him and loved him. **"One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure (*thesauros*) in heaven.** Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, **"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"** 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 **It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**" 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not **with God; all things are possible with God.**" 28 Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, **"NO ONE who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel** 30 **will fail to receive A HUNDRED TIMES as much IN THIS PRESENT AGE** (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.
12. **MAR 16:20** Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and **the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.**

13. **LUK 6:35** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.
14. **LUK 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.
15. **LUK 10:7** Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages (misthos). Do not move around from house to house.
16. **LUK 10:19** I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
17. **LUK 16:10** "Whoever can be trusted (pistos) with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth (mammonas), who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 "No servant (oiketes) can serve two masters (kurios). 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 (mammonas)."
18. **LUK 19:12** He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants (doulos) and gave them ten minas (mna). 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' 14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' 15 "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money (argurion), in order to find out what they had gained with it. 16 "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 17 "Well done, my good servant!" his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' 18 "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' 19 "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' 20 "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' 22 "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' 24 "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 25 "Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!" 26 "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.
19. **LUK 21:1** As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich (plousios) putting their gifts (doron) into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins (lepton). 3 "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth (perisseuo) ; but she out of her poverty (husterema) put in all she had to live on."
20. **JOH 10:10** THE THIEF cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
21. **JOH 21:1** Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them,

- “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 11 **Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.** 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” **None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.**
22. **ACT 10:34** Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**
23. **ACT 17:11** Now **the Bereans** were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.**
24. **ACT 20:32** “Now **I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.** 33 I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. 34 You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. 35 In everything I did, **I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak,** remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **‘It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive.’**”
25. **ROM 8:32** He who did not spare his own Son, but **gave** him up for us all--**how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**
26. **ROM 12:6** **We have different gifts (charisma), according to the grace (charis) given us.** If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; **if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him GIVE generously;** if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.
27. **ROM 13:7** **GIVE everyone what you owe him:** If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. 8 **Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another,** for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.
28. **1CO 2:9** However, as it is written: **“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 **The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.** 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man’s judgment: 16 “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?” But **we have the mind of Christ.**
29. **1CO 16:1** Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 2 **On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money (thesaurizo) in keeping with his income (euodoo),** saving it up, so that when I come no collections (*logia*) will have to be made.
30. **2CO 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.** 8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For **you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that THOUGH HE WAS RICH (plousios), YET FOR YOUR SAKES HE BECAME POOR (ptocheuo), SO THAT YOU THROUGH HIS POVERTY (ptocheia) MIGHT BECOME RICH (plouteo).** 10 And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12 For **if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.**
31. **2CO 9:6** Remember this: **Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.** 7 **Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** 8 And **God is able to make all grace abound to you,** so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his

righteousness endures forever." 10 Now **he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.** 11 **You will be made RICH in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,** and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

32. **GAL 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,** for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." 14 He redeemed us **in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,** so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.
33. **GAL 3:29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**
34. **GAL 6:6 Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.** 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.** 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 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.**
35. **EPH 3:20** Now to **HIM** who is able to **do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,** 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
36. **EPH 4:28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.**
37. **EPH 6:5** Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 **Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,** 8 **because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.** 9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both **their Master and yours is in heaven,** and **there is no favoritism with him.**
38. **EPH 6:12** For **our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**
39. **PHI 4:15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;** 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, **you sent me aid again and again** when I was in need. 17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And **my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.** **(THIS PROMISE IN v19 DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL CHRISTIANS---ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN!!)**
40. **COL 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,** 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**
41. **COL 4:1** Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.
42. **2TH 3:10** For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "**If a man will not work, he shall not eat.**" 11 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. 14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed.
43. **1TI 4:8** For bodily exercise profiteth little: but **godliness is profitable unto all things,** having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
44. **1TI 5:8** If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and **especially for his immediate family,** he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

45. **1TI 5:17** **The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.** 18 For the Scripture says, "**Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,**" and "**The worker deserves his wages.**"
46. **1TI 6:7** For **we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.**
47. **1TI 6:9** People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For **the LOVE of money is a root of all kinds of evil.** Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.
48. **1TI 6:17** **Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.** 18 **Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.** 19 **In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.**
49. **HEB 6:12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to **imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**
50. **HEB 11:1** **Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**
51. **HEB 11:6** And **without faith it is impossible to please God,** because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**
52. **JAM 1:16** Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. 17 **Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father** of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
53. **JAM 2:17** In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.** JAM 2:18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and **I will show you my faith by what I do.** 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.
54. **JAM 4:13** Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, **you do not even know what will happen tomorrow.** What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
55. **2PE 1:2** **Grace and peace** be yours in abundance **through the knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power **has given us EVERYTHING we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him** who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his **very great and precious promises,** so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
56. **1JOH 2:15** **Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** 16 For **everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.**
57. **3JOH 1:2** Beloved, **I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**
58. **REV 21:10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me **the Holy City, Jerusalem,** coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 18 The wall was made of jasper, and **the city of pure gold,** as pure as glass. 19 **The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysolite, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.** 21 **The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.**

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