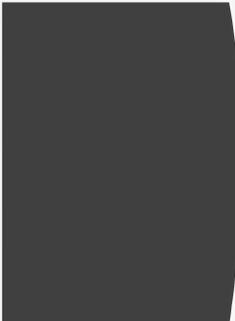




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- The Beatitudes, 5:1-13
- Law & Grace, 5:15-48
 - Internal governance by the Spirit
- The Life of Grace, 6-7
 - External activity of a Believer

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• Main Theme –

'you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world'

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Matthew 6:1-4

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

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• Anthesis – A Powerful Promise

- Do your righteous living for the GLORY of God!!!
- If you do – God will reward you!!!



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So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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• 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.

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• Application –

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I Corinthians 16:1-2

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

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II Corinthians 9:6

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

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2. Should be characterized by faith – it taps into God's resources.

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• II Corinthians 8:3 –

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

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• Philippians 4:10-19 –

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

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I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 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 more than once when I was in need.

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17 Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. 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.

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It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God.
Charles Spurgeon

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• Three guidelines for giving

1. Is this gift generous?
2. Is this gift an act of faith?
3. Am I giving for the praise of people or the GLORY of God?

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