

Jesus – It’s more blessed to give than to receive. **Acts 20 : 35(NLT)**

Philippians 4 : 10-19 New Living Translation (NLT)

One of the most _____

4: 19 God.. will supply all your needs from his glorious riches.

The blessings of being generous

1. You make other people _____

4: 10 (NLT) How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again.

4:10 (NIRV) At last you are concerned about me again. That makes me very happy.

2. You see that you’re helping _____

4: 16 When I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

1 Thessalonians 2 : 1-2 (NLT)

You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. ²You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition.

3. You invest in your _____

4: 17 (NIV) Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

Jesus - “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6 :19-20 (NLT)

Be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way (the rich) will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.

1 Timothy 6 : 18-19 (NIV)

4. You have the joy of _____

4: 18 (NLT) - I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

5. You guarantee _____

4:19 (NLT) God... will supply all your needs from his glorious riches.

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9 : 8 (NLT)

Malachi 3 : 10 (NIV) - Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 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 there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹I will prevent pests from devouring your crops.

Haggai 1 : 9 (NIV) Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it. ⁹You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?’ declares the LORD Almighty. ‘Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

So how much should we give?

2 Corinthians 9 : 7 (NIV) - Each of you should give _____ not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Additional Notes: