

Matthew 6:19-21 (written out-The Message)
1 Timothy 6:10 (written out-NKJV)

"The Blessing of Giving"

-we give because we want to, because we see
the value in investing in the Kingdom of God
-spiritual discipline
-Romans 1:17, Ephesians 2:8-9, James 2:20
(references)

The Blessing of Giving

1. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than it
is to receive." Acts 20:34-35 (reference)

Malachi 3:6-10 (reference)

Jesus: better to give than receive; Malachi:
when you give to God, He pours out blessings!
Luke 6:27-38 (reference) Be a giver!

2. Giving Tithes and Offerings Is Still God's
Plan For Today

-Pre law- Genesis 4:3-4 Cain and Abel;

14:18-20 Abraham; 28:22 Jacob (all Genesis)

-Law- Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 14; Proverbs
3:9 "Honor the Lord...with the first fruit of all

your possessions, so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine."

-Post law-Matthew 3:8 (reference); Matthew 23:23 (written out)

Hebrews 7:22 "...Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant"

-Luke 6 "give generously", 1 Cor 16:1-2 "give routinely", 2 Cor 9:7 "give joyfully"

3. Giving Assures God's Blessing

"Kingdom Principle" Malachi 3:10, Matthew 6:33 (references)

stats: 20% give 80% of budget

30% give 20% of budget

50% give 0% of budget

Proverbs 29:2a (written out-NIV)

Practical blessings of giving: eliminates unwise spending habits; expands the amount of good works we can do for the Lord; keeps us on track spiritually Matthew 6:21(reference)

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Luke 6:38 The Message

"Give away your life, you'll find life given back, but not merely given back-given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

to be continued!!