

# UNDERSTANDING KINGDOM GIVING

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(Matthew 26:6-13)

The way in which people have taught us to **GIVE** has positioned us to be abused by users, taken advantage of by ingrates and mishandled by deceivers. There is nothing wrong with being a giver.

However, if you do not know **HOW** to give and who to give to, wrong things will happen. The way you give to the world should **NOT** reflect how you give to the Kingdom of God.

## HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- Kingdom giving is **NOT** inspired by the way you feel. It is based on who is worthy of honor.

- Kingdom giving is **NOT** influenced by the words of people. It is moved by the words of King Jesus.
- The principles of Kingdom giving are **NOT** focused on the needs of people. It is focused on the righteousness of people's character.

People who give under the confines of the Kingdom of God will be misunderstood by carnal minded individuals. For example, Kingdom citizens will not give a healthy, able and strong man who **REFUSES** to work a handout. They will assess to see if he is worthy of honor **BEFORE** they give him honor.

2nd Thessalonians 3:10 says, "*When we were with you, we gave you this rule: "Anyone who refuses to work should not eat."* This is a Kingdom law that Kingdom citizens honor.

If an able and healthy man refuses to work they **DO NOT** deserve to eat. Unfortunately, we have a multitude of people and organizations who will enable and empower

laziness. Carnal minded people will call you selfish and inconsiderate.

They will label you un-compassionate because you refused to help someone in need. People of the world give on the premises of people's condition. Kingdom citizens give on the **PRINCIPLES** that people **CHOOSE** to follow. Kingdom citizens look to see if you are aligning yourself with divine laws so they will not give their pearls to swine.

## GIVE ON PRINCIPLE, NOT NEED!

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Kingdom citizens understand how important it is to give based on principle. When you distribute what you have based on principle you will **NEVER** regret what you gave. One of the primary reasons why people carry regret is because they gave to people who did not appreciate the offering.

It is a hurtful feeling to give knowledge to an individual who has chosen to ignore your advice. It is painful to give money to a charitable organization that misused the funds. The woman that is depicted in Matthew 26:6-13 is a Kingdom citizen. She understood how to give on

**PRINCIPLE AND NOT NEED.**

This woman approached Jesus with an alabaster jar filled with **EXPENSIVE** perfume. She poured this expensive perfume on Jesus head while he was eating. As the woman was doing this, the disciples were enraged with her because they thought the expensive perfume could have been sold for money and given to the poor.

This woman made a decision to **HONOR** King Jesus instead of helping poor people. **THIS WOMAN KNEW HOW TO GIVE.** She understood who was more important. She understood how to sow into righteousness. She understood how to honor Kingdom laws.

King Jesus said something profound in verse 11. He said, *"You will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me."* In this one statement, Jesus was teaching us how to honor Kingdom laws **OVER** emotional needs.

In order to become a Kingdom giver you must **STUDY** the laws of the Kingdom of God so you can know **HOW** to give, **WHEN** to give, **WHAT** to give, **WHO** to give to and **WHERE** you should give.

This lady needs to be admired because she went against the status quo. She did not give her treasure to the poor. She gave her treasure to the King. I'm **NOT** saying you shouldn't help the poor. I am simply stating that you should help the poor **WITHIN** the parameters of Kingdom laws.

For instance, helping hardworking poor people will be honored by God because King Jesus despises laziness according to Proverbs 12:24. Helping poor people who

tithe will be wise because they are honoring Kingdom laws according to Malachi 3:10.

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