

**Launching Text:** Luke 6:42-49<sup>46</sup> And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?<sup>47</sup> Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:<sup>48</sup> He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.<sup>49</sup> But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

**Preaching Text:** Luke 6:38<sup>38</sup> 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 (or measure out) it shall be measured to you again.

**Intro:** In this series of messages we have looked at "Something God Wants Us To Know" and we found that God wants us to know or have revelation and manifestation concerning His Presence, His Power, Our Problems, Our Preceptions, and Our Prosperity. Last week we looked at "Something God Wants Us To Keep" and found that God wants us to keep His Charge to rule over our house and surroundings, to keep His Call by obeying Him and to keep His Conditions by keeping ourselves pure. This message is on "Something to Give".

## **1. GOD WANTS US TO GIVE OF OUR TIME**

### **1. Give Of Our Time In Fellowshiping With God.** (Personal time in devotion, prayer, and fasting)

Rev 3:20<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

### **2. Give Of Our Time In Feasting On The Word.** (Study—Study—Study)

2-Tim 2:15<sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### **3. Give Of Our Time In Filling Ourselves With The Spirit.** (Drinking in the Spirit)

Eph 5:18<sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

John 7:37-39<sup>37</sup> In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.<sup>38</sup> He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.<sup>39</sup> But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given (at that time but has been now; because that Jesus was not yet glorified (at that time but has been now).

### **4. Give Of Our Time In Flaunting Godly Praise.** (Tell it—Tell it—Tell it)

Ps 107:2<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

Ps 150:6<sup>6</sup> Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

### **5. Give Of Our Time In Furthering The Kingdom.** (Making confessions & Taking Ground)

Mat 11:12<sup>12</sup> And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Eph 4:27<sup>27</sup> Neither give place to the devil.

Joshua 1:3<sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you.....

1-Chronicles 4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou would bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou would keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

### **6. Give Of Our Time Freeing To Others.** (Taking the Gospel to Others)

Mark 16:15-18<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.<sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.<sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;<sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

### **7. Give Of Our Time In Fighting The Good Fight of Faith.** (Keeping Faith Level High)

1-Timothy 6:12<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

### **8. Give Of Our Time In Furnishing For Ourselves And Our Family.**

2-Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

## **2. GOD WANTS US TO GIVE OR OUR TALENTS.**

### **1. Give Of Our Talents For Witnessing** (Tell who Jesus is and what Jesus has done)

John 15:16<sup>16</sup> Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Acts 1:8<sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me Psalms 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

### **2. Give Of Our Talents For Worship** (Worship that complies, glorifies, magnifies, & beautifies God)

John 4:23<sup>23</sup> But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

### **3. Give Of Our Talents For Working** (To do what we are suppose to do with the who, what, when, & where)

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

1-Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

### **4. Give Of Our Talents For Warfare** (Giving no place to the devil and advancing the kingdom)

Ephesians 6:10<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Ephesians 6:16<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

1-John 5:18<sup>18</sup> We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not ( meaning that one does not habitually practice sin); but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one (the devil) touches him not.

### 3. GOD WANTS US TO GIVE OF OUR TREASURES.

#### 1. God Wants Us To Give Out Of Our Treasures The Tithes (Tithing is for financing the work of God)

Malachi 3:8-12<sup>8</sup> Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.<sup>9</sup> Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.<sup>10</sup> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.<sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.<sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 23:23<sup>23</sup> Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin (some of the commerce of that day), and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Leviticus 27:31<sup>31</sup> And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes (that is to catch up on tithes that should be paid), he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof (which is a 20% penalty added to the tithe he owes).

#### 2. God Wants Us To Give Out Of Our Treasures The First Fruits (First fruits are gifts for the priests or pastors)

Proverbs 3:9-10<sup>9</sup> Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits (that is the first of the first) of all thine increase:<sup>10</sup> So shall thy barns be filled with plenty (and with more than enough to be a blessing), and thy presses shall burst out with new wine (that is your productivity and prosperity will be increasing).

Leviticus 23:10<sup>10</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

#### 3. God Wants Us To Give Out Of Our Treasures The Alms (Alms is for helping the poor)

Matthew 6:1-4 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.<sup>2</sup> Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.<sup>3</sup> But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:<sup>4</sup> That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

#### 4. God Wants Us To Give Out Of Our Treasures The Seeds (Seed finances for the work of God & all sufficiency)

2-Corinthians 9:6-11<sup>6</sup> But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.<sup>7</sup> Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.<sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:<sup>9</sup> (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.<sup>10</sup> Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)<sup>11</sup> Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Galatians 6:9<sup>9</sup> Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Malachi 2:1-3 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.<sup>2</sup> If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.<sup>3</sup> Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

**Closing:** When we give and give it the right way as God has directed, we will live in prosperity which is to have what we need when we need it and be blessed enough to be a blessing to others.

Give and it shall be given back to us in good measure, pressed down, and shaken together with always more than enough.