

Breakthrough Moment: The Power of Giving and Receiving
[Stewardship Series]

Renew and refresh their minds, build up the saints in the faith.
He will bring us over into a realm.

Psalm 30.66 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be
moved Psalm 122.76 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall
prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

Psalm 25.13 Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will
instruct them in the ways they should choose. [b] 13 They will
spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will
inherit the land.

Acts 20. 32 So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to
the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give
you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I
have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 Yes, [d] you
yourselves know that these hands have provided for my
necessities, and for those who were with me. 35 I have shown
you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support
the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He
said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

- You know how I was with you (v. 18);
- Though I do not know what will happen to me there (v. 22);
- I know that none of you will see my face again (v. 25);
- I know that savage wolves will come (v. 29);
- You yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my

own needs (v. 34).1

Introduction

1 Kistemaker, S. J., & Hendriksen, W. (1953–2001). Vol. 17: New Testament commentary : Exposition of the Acts of the Apostles. New Testament Commentary (723–724). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

This should be a guiding principle for every believer. Paul in his farewell speech to the congregation at Ephesus made several directives for the church to follow. The last directive stands out as a means by which we should follow. It is reflective of the heart of our LORD. God is concerned by the way we conduct ourselves in life. It is not how much we own, we possess that matters. It is whether we seek first the Kingdom of God (Matt 6.33). God wants for us to have the right attitude and perspective toward the material blessings he provides for us. He wants to bless us, so we can be a blessing to others (Abraham's blessing, Gen 12). It is not how much you give; it is how much you have left over after you give– that matters to GOD. Remember the widow, he gave the smallest amount in terms of numerical value, but she gave the most

because she gave what she had– all of it. God searches the hearts and he knows what is in the heart of man– the hidden things of the heart.

Fullness of the Holy Spirit, healing, freedom from care, walking in prosperity, flourishes and walks in supernatural provisions. We are not subject to the times.

Foundational Truths:

- 3 John 2:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
- Psalm 35.27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
- Deuteronomy 8.18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.
- 2 Chronicles 16.9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.
- Proverbs 10.22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
- Philippians 4.19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- “God has a covenant determination to prosper us. Our responsibly is to believe it and receive it.” George

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I am blessed to be a blessing:

1. I must remember God's blessing! Deuteronomy 8.18
2. I must fear the Lord. I will not lack any beneficial thing.
Psalm 34.10–90 fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. 10The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing
3. I must give to the poor! Matthews 6.3–4, But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
4. I must store up treasures in Heaven! Matthew 6.19–20 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
5. I must believe that he will provide and increase my resources! 2 Corinthians 9.10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
6. I must believe that God meets all of my needs according

to his riches in glory. Philippians 4.19

7. I must believe that God will generously provide all I need!
2 Corinthians 9. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever. [a]
8. I must let love be my only debt! Romans 13.8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

John 17.13–22–We are separated unto GOD.

- Matthew 6.13 And lead us not into temptation,[a] but deliver us from the evil one.
- Gal 1.4 Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father
- 1 John 5.18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.
- 1 Cor 10.13 No temptation[c] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[d] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,[e] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- Romans 8.2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death.

Exodus 8.23 But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land.
23 I will make a distinction[b] between my people and your people. This sign will occur tomorrow.