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# Foreword

The word "Give" was cited 869 times in the Scripture, while the word "Gave" was brought up 633 times. The word "Offer" was noted 123 times, while the word "Offered" was brought up ninety times. "Tithe" was brought up 13 times, while "tithes" 15 times.

Overall, the theme of giving or being generous was cited in the Scripture 1,713 times, therefore making this as among the most highly accented themes in the Word of God. This is why regardless what they say against tithing or giving or as becoming generous as they ignorantly say it to be "unscriptural", never believe them, as we ought to only believe and believe on God and His words as He has stated.

And even if yet, you don't believe about the idea of becoming generous, I do hope that our simple word search will provide you the idea of how crucial this is in life.

## ***The River Of Life***

***Learn to become a channel of blessing to the world and people around you.***

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# **Chapter 1:**

*Background and His Plan*

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# Synopsis

***I attempted comparing the word “love” or the theme of “to love”: the word love was noted 513 times, while the word loved was observed 89 times, and lastly the word “loves” 68 times. Total, these sum up to 670 times.***

***Observe that “LOVE” is the key theme of the Bible, the quintessential spirit behind the law and the prophets, but the thought of giving and becoming generous as a practical use of love was indeed given a bigger emphasis in the Scripture, and giving or becoming generous is an expression of that love from the higher power, just as He gave us His Son. One may give without loving, but one can't love without giving.***

## **The Path**

If one gives to be a blessing to other people it ought to be in the heartfelt inner motives of love, even as God gave us His Son out of His Agape or unconditional love, when the target of His love, i.e., Human beings, isn't even worthy of such love!

Knowing this, we'll discuss here God's design for us in line with generosity, being a blessing and financial freedom, as our expressions of how God loves us and blesses us to become a blessing is manifested by our giving and generosity. This is our heartfelt expression of our love for God and humanity.

God's design For All individuals: "That we'll be blessed"

In Genesis

I'll make you into a great nation and I'll bless you; I'll make your name great, and you'll be a blessing. I'll bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I'll curse; and all masses on earth will be blessed through you.

This promise was executed when Christ came to save all the masses, as He was the promise. Now let us attempt to see some more inside truths in that passage.

As we may see here in the passage, God utilized Abraham for his elemental purpose, i.e., to become a blessing to all lives on earth. For him to become a blessing, he was blessed firstly by the higher power. This is why God said in verse 2; I'll make you into a great nation, as Abraham's becoming blessed firstly by God. Just how may Abraham

bless other people or give blessings to other people, if he wasn't firstly blessed by God.

You are able to only bless other people if you're blessed first. Therefore, the same thing is genuine with us. God blessed us in every way at the beginning to become a blessing to other people, i.e. to be generous in every means possible.

In the Holy Scripture, you'll always see the analogy of sowing seeds and reaping in comparison to contributing and getting. In agriculture, no farmer reaps without even planting the seeds first of all.

There ought to be a plant or seed, implanted or sown by the farmer, and in the suitable time, he will reap a crop, after patient cultivation and nourishing of the developed seeds. It's essentially following God's preordained law of seeding and harvesting, i.e., sow seeds and harvest more abundant seeds from the yields to become the blessings of food. Such law is as certain as the Law of Gravity and the force of Thermodynamics in nature.

Then putting some seeds aside (i.e., not to be consumed) may begin another seeding - harvesting cycle, which the Lord distinctly ordained after the origination of plants. And in Eden, he made Adam as the inaugural farmer to tend His garden. And as He ordered after the worldwide flood that ruined the whole earth and only Noah's family was spared, the cyclical principle and seasonality of seeding and harvesting may be distinctly seen reestablished in:

Genesis:

While the world remained, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summertime and wintertime, and day and night shall not end.

Note this, the higher power first provided us the seed to plant, just as He first provided Christ as the 1st seed for the gospel to be sown to the entire planet. He blessed us first for us to discover how plant seeds. The seed that He gave us isn't simply for own self use, but as well for planting to produce more fresh seeds to duplicate the cycle of becoming blessed with the seeding - harvesting principle.

Likewise, a farmer doesn't sell all he may reap, nor consume everything he may reap. He will have to allow a few seeds for sowing for the fresh cultivating time of year or cycle, and then allow a few seeds for consumption and marketing as sharing God's blessing of nutrients. The scriptural example is the wheat that blesses humanity with bread to eat.

### Deuteronomy

But recall the Almighty your God, for it is he who provides you the power to produce wealth, and so sustains his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is now.

Who provides the power of the people to grow wealth? It's God who provides us the seed to sow and plant to bless us with nutrients. It isn't even us who makes the seeds to plant, it's God Himself, who produced them and owns the land to plant them in and the water to feed them besides the sunshine for the plant to produce its own cellular nutrients, and we're merely only taking part as His workfellows in being stewards of His produced order.

We're only co- working with Him to employ His laws of seeding - harvesting. If we toil in cultivating and nourishing the plant for us to harvest for our food, and then duplicate the process of seeding - harvesting brings cycles of blessings.

All we have to accomplish is to discover how to plant seeds. We may learn from even the uneducated sodbuster that has his own training from his pragmatic experiences.

Occasionally, God provides us seeds, but rather than sowing them, we consume them all and find no more seeds to sow to harvest fresh blessings afterwards.

So, rather than reproducing the seeds further by allowing some for sowing, we eat them all and will be miserable and hungry later with no more crop to be expected!

This is why a lot of us are still so inundated with poverty.

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## **Chapter 2:**

### ***Benefits Of Being A Blessing To Others***

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# Synopsis

***Earlier, we talked about God's design for us, i.e. to bless us to become a blessing to other people. Now, we'll talk about the Advantages of becoming a blessing. This will answer our enquiry, "what's in it for me in becoming a blessing"? Before we go to the particulars of becoming a blessing, we have to comprehend that God configured the whole system of seeding and harvesting with a win - win state of affairs. It was not designed to be only in favor of one side.***

## **Do It Right**

God ensures that the whole system works for the advantage of everyone. Is this out of the question? The fact is, it did occur in the life of the first church that “no one is in need”.

### **Acts**

All the worshipers were one in heart and mind. No one laid claim that any of his possessions was his own, but they portioned out everything they had. There were no needy individuals amidst them. For from time to time those who possessed lands or homes sold them, brought the income from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was dispensed to anybody as he had need.

As a consequence, of becoming one in heart and mind, they attempt to share “everything they have”, and as a consequence, “there were no needy individuals among them”, everyone savored the blessings God provided them. This is supposed to be the primary rule in possession by the whole system, not limited to a few individuals, which was really abided by in practice, as may be seen historically. Now, you might see with the world's positions that those individuals, who gave, lost something. To the contrary, the passage didn't mention about losing something for those individuals who gave.

Now, let us go to the Advantages of becoming a blessing:

#### **Advantage 1: You acquire friends**

Becoming a blessing helps us to acquire more friends. The more you give, the more you'll have friends. Attempt to look at those individuals

who don't understand how to give. They're those who have fewer friends. As a matter of fact, it's hard to have a friend, if we don't understand how to unselfishly share our things and blessings with them.

Did you ever see those individuals who never gave such that as a result they've few friends? I've seen individuals who are almost like a parasite who wishes to be blessed, but never became a blessing. Leechlike takers, not vitalizing sharers!! All of us ought to bear in mind that we must be a blessing to other people. Occasionally, individuals only self-centeredly consider themselves and think that they need to be blessed but not become a blessing to other people. Trying to be blessed only for one's selfish reasons isn't the way to be blessed; it's thinking how to become a blessing to other people.

**Advantage 2: you'll have a great harvest in the future**

The more we sow, the more we harvest. This isn't only true in the Scripture, but this is likewise so clearly true in reality, as may be clearly seen in farming. We must sow more seeds well in order for us to get more great harvests to bless many.

No one reaps plentifully with a small number of seeds sown. This is a truth that many individuals are not able to comprehend well. As long as we don't absolutely comprehend and practice the true meaning of giving, our harvests will always be lesser than what we're supposed to have.

Humans are by nature self-centered and self-focused. We wish to use up things only for our own selfish selves that weren't intended for us. We wish to spend things only for our own selfish selves, while it was intended for us to sow blessings to others. This is why a lot of our

fellow humans are exceedingly in dire need, because of their egocentric thinking of self-preservation. They only wish to reap, but never wished to sow. How may they reap if they do not sow!

#### Advantage 3: You exercise obedience to Christ

Becoming a blessing is a loving obedience to Christ. Jesus kept instructing His disciples to learn how to become generous at all times. Again, generosity is among the main themes in the Scripture, as an outward expression of love for other people.

#### Advantage 4: Brimming over blessings

It's really clear that God blesses those who faithfully give. Among the main reasons why many individuals are in extreme poverty is because abundant blessings don't come to those people who haven't been faithful in giving.

Becoming a blessing indeed calls forth many Advantages more than we may grasp or imagine. Divinities economy is totally opposite to our economy. If we really are concerned about getting blessings, perhaps we need to begin being a blessing.

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**Chapter 3:**  
*Becoming A Blessing*

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# Synopsis

***We already understand that becoming a blessing to other people is the higher power's aim for every single human. We likewise understand that the higher power didn't only make this system to work altogether for his own benefit, but we have seen that He blessed humankind first and that he ceaselessly blesses those who bless other people.***

***All the same, there are still lots of individuals who are having difficulty in executing this noble thing.***

## **How To**

Please observe that not forgetting yourself is the elemental hindrance to becoming a blessing. This is the main reason why we can't become a blessing to other people is because of too much love for self.

Becoming a blessing is more about forgetting your own self and giving the rest to other people.

Forget yourself and learn to love God first and last:

Occasionally, even Christians fail to love God first and last. They provide too much importance to the blessing rather than to the presenter of the blessings. Scripture reminds us remind us that we don't have to worry about anything, but we must seek first his kingdom.

Forget you and learn to love your neighbor:

If self blocks us in loving God, the same self, blocks us in loving our neighbors. Among the reasons why we can't give to those who are in need is too much love for self.

Let us observe that loving our neighbor is the 2nd great commandment. Occasionally, people have no issue in giving something to God, but they've an issue in becoming generous to other people.

Let's be truthful, becoming generous to other people is a lot harder to work on sometimes. Seeing the higher power as our creator, and recognizing that we owe something to Him, makes it easier for us to give to Him. But how about in the cases were we don't owe anything to our neighbor?

How may we ever give to somebody that perhaps owes something to us? This is why it's hard to work on this sort of generosity. But if we only look down deeper in our hearts, becoming generous even to those who owe us, is what this world needs.

Our system states, “don't give but lay aside, the more you lay aside the more that you'll have something in the future. Divinities system states, Give, and it will be given to you.

Forget yourself in the here and now but think for yourself in the future:

The Scripture didn't say love your neighbors solely. But it states, “love your neighbor as yourself. It always maintains the balance of what it instructs. It instructs us to love other people, it likewise instructs us to love ourselves.

Naturally, not in the way the world teaches. The world instructs, “Love yourself the most”, while the Scripture instructs “if you love yourself, discover how to love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.”

The point is, loving other people is in reality loving yourself. Among the errors that we're making is that we love our self a bit much which makes us forget other people. But all this ought to be interconnected.

To make it clear, loving yourself isn't bad. What is bad is loving yourself a bit much without expanding that love to anybody else.

This isn't supposed to end here, but it ought to be put into action. Becoming generous and especially becoming a blessing is a real stuff.

It isn't something that we may forget and not apply. It's something that we have to make part of ourselves.

This is something to work at as a part of our discipline. By understanding and employing the essence of becoming a blessing is fulfilling our purpose.

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## **Chapter 4:**

*Be A Blessing One Person At A Time*

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# Synopsis

***I was thinking of this yesterday when I was attending lunch with an acquaintance. We were sitting at a stop light, and a person was there on the pavement with a sign seeking work.***

***Well I couldn't give him a job, However I could help him acquire something to eat. I got the persons attention and handed him merely 20 dollars. And I called for him to pass on a helping hand to person else.***

## **A Little Bit Helps**

Consider all the individuals in your part of the world. What if one of them required help and you were not there, wouldn't you like to believe somebody out there would help them. Everybody requires help at one time or another. It may be getting directions, fixing a flat tire. Remember that all the little things count in this world.

Provide help to somebody out side your immediate circle. Individuals follow by example. Everybody likes a great role model and will follow their example. Loved ones and friends will observe and follow what you do. The feeling you acquire when you assist a total stranger is outstanding. It's outstanding because we're supposed to help one another and that intuitive feeling is there to remind us to do it over and over again.

When a small group of individuals begin helping strangers, the formula will grow. It only takes a little act of kindness to get it accomplished. Remember there's forever somebody watching what you are doing. Hopefully they'll follow your lead and example. If everybody in the world did this, the troubles that are here, would begin to fade away.

So the next time you see somebody in need of even the smallest thing, attempt to help them and remember the feeling you acquire when you accomplish helping someone else.

## **Wrapping Up**

Helping other people lets an individual use her talents and skills to help somebody who's in need. When you utilize your talents and time to assist other people, you've done your part to make the Earth a better place. When individuals work together for the good of other people, they feel more attached to both themselves and other people.

Pupils, assigned to work in a rest home for a class assignment, are exposed to the accounts and wisdom of a group of individuals they may not have known differently. Parents who wish to instruct the importance of community values to their youngsters may have their loved ones pick one day a month to work at the local shelter for the homeless.

Empathy is the power to experience and react to another individual's feelings. Helping other people will provide chances for you to identify with the situation that another individual is experiencing. Helping individuals who have been ravaged by a natural disaster lets you selflessly give to other people. This in turn teaches you how to react to another's feelings. Tutoring a youngster from a low-income, single-parent household may open your eyes to the battles that face low-income youngsters. Acquiring empathetic skills may assist in fortifying your interpersonal relationships.

We live in a domain in which many are looking to promote their own interests. Assisting other people is crucial as it enables us to balance the selfishness in our lives with selflessness. Assisting other people lets us center our energies on the needs of other people. For instance,

providing law services pro bono for a household that's struggling may remind a lawyer of why she became a lawyer. When a person takes time to engage in actions that are selfless, he acquires perspective on his life and what is truly important.

The payoff of great feelings motivates a few to help other people. Music teachers who volunteer a couple of hours a week to share their art with lower income youngsters may watch with pride as these pupils perform at a recital. Volunteers working building homes may feel great about their work when a family gets into its new house. Feeling great about helping other people may encourage you to assist another individual.

Once you give to other people you become an example for not only your youngsters, but for your neighbors, loved ones and friends. A youngster who sees his father purchasing groceries for a senior, housebound neighbor will grow up seeking ways to assist his neighbors. Amassing apparel for the Salvation Army might acquire the notice of a neighbor who might follow your example. Putting all your spare change in a particular bank that you empty yearly for the Red Cross may inspire your mate. He might begin to raise money for a cause that's significant to him. When other people see you assisting others, they'll be inspired to help too. When other people are inspired to assist, more will get the help they require.