

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)

**DELIGHT
YOURSELF IN
GIVING**

Blessed: The “blessing” here is not just material; it speaks of spiritual richness, joy, and fulfillment that comes through giving.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

True giving is exercising the heart of God through your life and resources.

Giving aligns you with God's heart and vision for each day.

Self-Pity: excessive, self-absorbed unhappiness over one's troubles.

“Self-pity is our worst enemy, and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in the world.” - Helen Keller

“I want to be free of self-pity. It is a tool of Satan to rot away a life.” - Elisabeth Elliot

Blessed Giving Is Not:

1. Giving to Receive in Return
2. Giving to be Seen or Heard
3. Giving to be Liked

Give from Your Heart

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)

Whether it be Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* or Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch That Stole Christmas*, both of them highlight that the rich miser is always miserable.

Give the Gospel

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts,
especially the gift of prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIV)

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not
heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to
them?

Romans 10:14 (NIV)

“If you know of everlasting life, and you know of everlasting death, how much do you have to hate somebody to not tell them of it?”

Penn Jillette, Atheist

“When I see their faces, I see the face of God.”

Mother Teresa