

Living an Excellent Life  
Blessed to be a Blessing  
Acts 20:35; Genesis 12:2

It has often been said that, "God will not fill a closed fist with good things". God is a giver. We are never more like God than when we give.

When we read these promises we usually say in our minds, "All right God! Come on, pour Your blessings on me!" There is a catch; we must do something, and better yet, we must be something. Unless we are willing to be a blessing, God will not pour out His favor and goodness into our lives. We will receive from God in the same measure we give to others. You might be saying right now, "Pastor Pete you just don't understand. I don't have anything to give."

Ah, but you do . . .

I. Give your \_\_\_\_\_.

A. God loves a \_\_\_\_\_ giver. (II Corinthians 9:7)

1. We are never blessed so we can live \_\_\_\_\_ or self-indulgently.
2. Even if you have nothing right now, you have \_\_\_\_\_ over your attitude.
3. If you are saying, "When am I going to be blessed?" God is saying, "Whenever you \_\_\_\_\_ being a blessing."

II. Giving is a \_\_\_\_\_ principle.

A. God gave all to us \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)

1. You can give a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Come on and crack it!
  - b. Do you enjoy receiving them?
2. If we are \_\_\_\_\_ to people in their time of need, God will be generous to us in our time of need.
3. Get rid of the attitude that if you had more \_\_\_\_\_ you would give more.
  - a. Start where you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Go out of your way to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Ask Him to \_\_\_\_\_ you ways to give.

III. Now is the time to \_\_\_\_\_ the attitude of giving.

A. God loves when we worship, but He also loves when we take care of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Somebody needs what you have to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Many times just a \_\_\_\_\_ can heal a heart.

Conclusion

1. You have not lived until you do something for someone who cannot \_\_\_\_\_ you back.
2. Hold \_\_\_\_\_ to what you have and always be ready to give in the same way.
3. What you make happen for \_\_\_\_\_, God will make happen for you.