MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

My attention was arrested by this verse recently. After further investigation I was amazed at what I found.

So will you too I trust. Let’s take a closer look.

We are all on the “receiving end” in so far as spiritual things are concerned. In fact we have nothing we didn’t receive and as a consequence we should show our unreserved appreciation for this.

The Psalmist was constantly breaking out in songs of gratitude which are recorded in Psalms for all to see.

Psa 34:1-4. A Psalm of David when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away and he departed. I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. Ô magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The above is a response the likes of which we should all cultivate heartily.

Without exception we also are recipients of His gracious blessings.

Scripture clearly draws our attention to the fact that it’s more blessed to give than to receive.

In other words if you want to be “blessed” be a giver in every situation and do it cheerfully.

Mankind however is acquisitive by nature. He comes into the world grasping, and exits it in like manner. God gives and is never sorry; men give and are often sorry because the recipient may have spent on something they didn’t approve.

Ministers are another story. They constantly appeal for money and use it as they think best, and then question why it is not blessed spiritually and it just appears that way.

Twenty years ago we were being told God was moving in such a marvellous way in Africa that it would be Christianized before the end of the Millennium. The exact opposite took place.

So much for the Christian bush telegraph.

It’s easier to take than to give. The receiver is thrilled, but the “giver” is blessed.
It’s easier to receive than give. There’s no sacrifice in that, as we all know.
It’s easier to quit and give into temptation than to resist.
It’s easier to fall down than to get back up again.
It’s easier to ignore a problem, than to look for an answer.
It’s easier to lie than tell the truth.
It’s easier to hold on than to let go.
It’s easier to look the other way than to see what you can do to help.
It’s easier to say yes to sin than no.
It’s easier to shirk than to work.
It’s easier to send a card than to visit the sick.
It’s easier to cover sin than to confess it.
It’s easier to ignore the afflictions of widows and fatherless than to visit them and find how you can help.
It’s easier to show ingratitude than to be grateful. Only one leper bothered to come back and thank Him.
It’s easier to talk about the merits of prayer than it is to engage in it.
It’s easier to spend time on Facebook than on our knees.
We would have far less problems and far more blessings if we followed this advice.
We are never too busy for someone we love, it’s easy to spend time with them.
In spite of all the millions that has gone through our hands to save our world it is becoming decidedly worse by the minute.

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