**Blessed Are Those Who Give**

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**THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL:**

**Luke 12: 16-21 (16) “And he spake a parable unto them, saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: (17) And he thought within himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? (18) And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. (19) And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. (20) But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? (21) So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**

**Acts 20:35 “…It is more blessed to give than receive.”**

**Giving brings forth happiness because God will reward the cheerful giver.**

**Life is a sowing and reaping things—We must sow spiritually, financially, physically, and mentally.**

**If we sow success, then we will reap success**

**If we sow failure, then we will reap failure**

**Galatians 6:7—“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”**

**God will reward and bless the cheerful giver. However is one gives with a selfish motive then God will not bless him.**

**If a person gives to do good and help serve God and his fellowman, the gift will come back many fold.**

**Men and Women have tried to find happiness in this world by alcohol, gambling, fornication, drugs, worldly power, and secular education.**

**Matthew 6:19-20—“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”**

**When a person makes profits and uses these profits to help the weak, the needy, the homeless, and the poor, he can find happiness upon earth and he will lay up treasures in heaven where he can be happy for eternity.**

**This is God’s way. Selfishness is man’s way.**

**As long as the earth continues there will be the homeless, the sick, the needy, and the hungry.**

**God teaches that such are the avenues for happiness on earth and for building a wonderful bank account in Heaven.**

**What a privilege it is to use our talents in business, agriculture, or any of the professions to make money that one might support his family and have money left over to support the work of the Lord.**

**How do we give other than monetarily?**

**How can we give to carry on the cause of Christ?**

**What are some things that you are now doing that supports the work of the Church?**

**What are some things that you could do that you are not currently doing that would support the work of the Church?**