LIVING GENEROUSLY The Ultimate Lifestyle - Part 3 of 4

"Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more <u>happiness</u> in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35 (GN)

Give, and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38

WHY GIVING IS GOD'S BEST FOR ME

1. GIVING MAKES ME _____

For God so <u>loved</u> the world that He <u>gave</u> His only Son.

John 3:16

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21

2. GIVING IS A _____

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to <u>be generous</u> <u>and willing to share</u>. In this way... they may take hold of the life that is truly Life! 1 Tim. 6:17-19

The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always <u>put God first</u> in your lives. Deut. 14:23 (LB)

3. GIVING IS AN _____

Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity! 1 Tim. 6:18-19 (LB)

4. GIVING IS A _____

The people <u>rejoiced</u> ... for they had <u>given</u> freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David also rejoiced greatly.

1 Chron. 29:9

A <u>generous man will prosper</u>; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Prov. 11:25

We should remember the words that the Lord Jesus said, "Giving gifts is more satisfying than receiving them." Acts 20:35 (GW)

HOW TO GIVE MY BEST

1. GIVE _____

For if the <u>willingness</u> is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have.

2 Cor. 9:12

Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give,not reluctantly or under pressure.1 Cor. 9:7a

2. GIVE _____

They gave as much as they were able, and even <u>beyond their</u> <u>ability</u>. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the <u>privilege of sharing</u> in this service to the saints. 2 Cor. 8:3-4

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and <u>whoever sows generously will reap generously</u>. 2 Cor. 9:6

3. GIVE _____

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

Psa. 116:12

 For God loves a cheerful giver!
 2 Cor. 9:7b

They first gave themselves to the Lord. 2 Cor. 8:5