

## A Lifestyle That Gives

### Developing A Heart With Issues To Give Over And Above

1. When you open your heart, **allowing** God to deal with the issue of your heart, healing permeates **every** area of your life.
2. We must develop a culture of **giving**, not **getting**.
3. You and I in the kingdom of God are **conduits** of God to bring blessings to others in every area of their life.

#### **Luke 6:37-38**

4. The reward of God in giving back to us that's overflowing comes not because we gave, but we gave with the **right** heart.

The overabundant return to you is a reward for a **changed** heart.

Here is my pastoral heart with what we have learned in this series so far:

- Many are in **bondage**
- Many have **strongholds** in their life
- Some here, your **marriage** is in trouble
- Your **health** is in trouble

5. When God does a work in your heart and you have a lifestyle of giving, every area of your life will **change**.

Why – because He took **selfishness** out

- \* So you have an enemy, his name is **Satan**; he hates you and does not want you to give everything to **God**.

Satan – wants to **deceive** you and keep you in that **stronghold**.

- He will give you reasons and even use scripture to try to deceive you like he tempted Jesus and twisted it.

Let me be very frank with you regarding this revelation:

- A year from now – you may face a **divorce**.
- You will be at a **hospital**
- **Family** falls apart

That's how important this window of opportunity is for me.

My goal today – talking about giving that we now will give **over and above**.

**1 Chronicles 29:1**

**1 Chronicles 29:2** – David speaking

## 1 Chronicles 29:3 – see over and above

- David is giving **all** he just described – why:

6. David set his affection on the House of **God** – His **kingdom**

## 1 Chronicles 29:4-5

- He gave from his own **special treasure**

## Matthew 6:21

In verse 5 of 1 Chronicles 29, David says something:

## 1 Chronicles 29:5b

<sup>5</sup>...Who *then* is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?"

David is asking are you **willing** to consecrate yourself to the House of God?

## 1 Chronicles 29:6

- They gave **willingly**

## 1 Chronicles 29:7-9

- Notice willingly – with a **loyal** heart

- Then he offers a prayer and let me show you one verse.

## 1 Chronicles 29:14

7. In other words he said, God, we just **gave back** to You what You gave us.

## 1 Chronicles 29:17-18

- It still goes back to the heart of giving **willingly** to the house of God.

In this giving:

- Don't give under **compulsion**.
- Don't give under **pressure**.
- Give **cheerfully**

\* Here it is – give **willingly**

Return your tithe, give offerings, give firstfruits, love, be kind, forgive, do not judge – be a **giver**

Two reasons for this lifestyle of giving:

- The **work** of God must be done
- Because we need a change in our **heart**.

## Luke 9:12-17

- **12** baskets full were left

## Luke 9:16

- It doesn't say Jesus **multiplied** the food, He just looked up to the Father and broke them, and gave them to the disciples.
8. The miracle did not happen in the Master's hand, but the miracle happened in the **disciples'** hands.
- The Master **blessed** it.
  - It had the **potential** to multiply

Two principles we must believe:

Remember:

A. The first portion is the **redemptive** portion so you have to give to God **first**.

9. Jesus is the only one that has the **power** to bless your giving so it will multiply – you have to give God first.

B. They gave what was left **away** which is over and above the **tithe**.

- This is the **over and above** principle.

Again: tithing is not giving because tithing is **returning**.

- We don't start giving until it is **over and above**.

Remember in Matthew 25 – talents

One given five (made **five** more), the other two (made **two** more), and the other one (**buried** it).

When the master came back:

Five - he said here is what is already yours and **five** more

- Master said: **well done** good and faithful servant

Two – here is what is yours and **two** more

- Master said **well done** good and faithful servant

10. God doesn't call **maintaining** - faithfulness; God calls **increasing** – faithfulness

One talent – said here is what is already yours.

- Master said – **unfaithful** servant because you gave back to me only what was already mine

11. God wants us to go **beyond** tithing.

- We don't give to **get**

Family – I'm trying to convince you there is a **better** life to live – it's the life of a **giver**.