# The Gift of Giving

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Romans 12:3-8, Acts 4:32-37, Acts 5:1-10, Acts 2:43-44, 1 Corinthians 12:31, Malachi 3:8, 2 Corinthians 9:6, Romans 10:17, Ephesians 3:20

#### Romans 12:3 NIV

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

#### Romans 12:4 NIV

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

#### Romans 12:5 NIV so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

#### Romans 12:6 NIV

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

### Romans 12:7 NIV If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

#### Romans 12:8 NIV

if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

#### Acts 4:32 NIV

All the believers were one in heart and mind. Noone claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

#### Acts 4:33 NIV

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

#### Acts 4:34 NIV

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales

#### Acts 4:35 NIV

and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

#### **Acts 4:36 NIV** Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called **Barnabas** (which means Son of Encouragement),

#### Acts 4:37 NIV

sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

#### Acts 5:1 NIV

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property.

#### Acts 5:2 NIV

With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

#### Acts 5:3 NIV

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?

#### Acts 5:4 NIV

**Didn't it belong to you before it** was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

#### Acts 5:5 NIV

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

#### Acts 5:6 NIV

Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

#### Acts 5:7 NIV

**About three hours** later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

#### Acts 5:8 NIV

Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price."

#### Acts 5:9 NIV

Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

#### **Acts 5:10 NIV**

At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

#### Acts 2:43 NIV

**Everyone was filled with** awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

#### Acts 2:44 NIV

All the believers were together and had everything in common.

# 1a. Pray for the gift of giving

### 1 Corinthians 12:31 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

## 1a. Pray to be like Barnabus to be one to encourage

## 1b. Pray for the resources of giving

## 1c. Pray for the wisdom

#### Malachi 3:8 NIV "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings.

### 2. Tithe

# 3. Give Special offerings

4. Keep in mind the goal of every Christian to be generous on all occasions

## 5. Remember the law of sowing and reaping

#### **2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV**

**Remember this: Whoever** sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

# 6. We need to be full of faith

# How to be full of faith

### Set a goal

### Don't be afraid to give

#### Romans 10:17 NIV

**Remember this: Whoever** sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

### 7. Start your supernatural gift of giving

#### **Ephesians 3:20 NIV** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

#### The Gift of Giving

- 1. Pray for the gift of giving
- 2. Tithe
- 3. Give special offerings
- 4. Keep in mind the goal of every Christian to be generous on all occasions
- 5. Remember the law of sowing and reaping
- 6. Be full of faith
- 7. Start your supernatural gift of giving