

"Jesus Teaches About Giving"

Luke 6:27-42

Calvin Coolidge said,

"He is the richest man in the esteem of the world who has gotten most."

"He is the richest man in the esteem of God had given the most."

Jesus said it First! - Mark 8:34-37

You can give without _____ but you cannot
_____ without giving!

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

1. Returns good _____ (v27-30)

"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. (MSG)

NATURAL LOVE

love of the _____

UNNATURAL LOVE

love of the _____

2. Always elevates _____ (V31)

"Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! (MSG)

Golden Rule: We are to _____.

3. It is more than _____ (V32)

If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that. (MSG)

The World - _____ The Christian - _____

A bad steward will give something & waits for something in return.

A good steward is someone who gives expecting nothing in return.

Giving is an attitude!

4. Is Modelled _____ (V35)

"I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst. (MSG)

World Model - _____

God's Model - _____

5. It is an _____ that will affect others and us. (V37)

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. (MSG)

By our standard of _____, we set our standard of judgment.

6. It brings expected _____ from unexpected _____ (V38)

"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." (MSG)

By our standard of _____, we set our standard of receiving.

Comments: 1. It is a _____.

2. It takes grace to be that type of Christian _____.

"For you and I to live a lifestyle of giving it takes God's grace, not true grit."