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"Be not deceived; for whatever a man soweth, that shall he reap" Gal: 6:7

"For the one who sows to his own flesh from the flesh reap corruption-but the one who sows to the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life" Gal: 6:8

"Let us not lose heart in doing good,for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary" GAL: 6:9

"SO THEN,WHILE WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY , LET US DO GOOD, TO ALL MEN,ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH." Gal: 6:10

Examples---

Randy, our adopted grandson, and his new flatmates had a need for a table and chairs----we had a set which we used when large groups came and our need was only on occasion ---his need was right now....We gave willingly our ensemble and it was greatly appreciated.

In the next days-we were "loaned" a set of table and chairs for an indefinite period of time...what we received was 100 times nicer than what we gave. We will have time to shop for a new table and chairs, ample time...the law of sowing and reaping was in effect. I couldn't have asked for a nicer set of lawn furniture.

"Give and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6:38

Ask the Father to give you a giving heart..."God so loved the world that He gave His only son:" John 3:16

We cannot out give God, who is the Giver of all. Remember that giving is not only money; give time, give love, give mercy, give help to neighbors,give cooking. What goes around comes around.

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What you plant ..you reap.....give a teaspoon ...get a basket.

Proverbs :11:25 tell us: "A generous person will be enriched" The woman with the story of oil...found in 1st Kings 17:9-16 read like this....she gave her last bit of flour and oil to the prophet who asked for it, and God gave her and her household all she needed. She was not from Israel, she was a gentile, she was commanded by God to give to Elijah , yet the God of Israel was not her god. She had no social security or a 401-C she was a widow about to die with her son. And she gave all she had, not her leftovers.

The widow in Luke 21 gave all she had to God. Her giving is included in the stories found in the Bible. She is spoken about in such loving terms....her two mites meant a lot to God, who sees the hearts and knows the motives of why we give.

Personally, my story of giving is a great one, as some of you know my husband and will appreciate how my story became what it is...my love story.

When I lived in San Francisco, and owned my temporary help service, an idea came to me and to some of my friends; we wanted to open a restaurant between two synagogues. In doing so we thought we would attract those Jews who went to the services, that they would stop into the restaurant and we would be able to share our love of our Messiah with them, hoping they could see that this is their Messiah as well.

It took all of my money I had saved since owning the temporary help service for the equipment, furnishings, etc. When all that was done it came down to buying the food to open. \$1,000 was needed and no one else was able to provide those funds. I had only \$500 left, and I did not want to give it. It was all I had, and I needed some reserve to make the weekly payroll for the business. I felt God say to me."Give it all" and furthermore: "call your son Michael and ask for the \$500 you have saved for him.." Michael willingly gave his \$500 and I gave mine, wondering what would happen if I needed the money to cover payroll costs...which I had to do every week. I had ZERO in the bank after giving my last \$500.

My temporary help flourished after I did that, I never did need that reserve. This restaurant is the place that Eric Morey came in every Sunday to have brunch, after church. As you know, he is NOW my husband. What woman cannot relate to this story, he was the dream I had in my heart for the kind of man I would want to marry. This came to me after I gave all I had to be in a place to win souls to the Lord.!

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“He who win souls is wise.” Proverbs 11:30

“Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all things shall be added unto you.”

“WITH GOOD WILL RENDER SERVICE, AS TO THE LORD, NOT MEN” Ephesians 6:7

“Whatever you do ...do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.” Col.:2:3

Nessa, the little kitten we found that was half dead, and we helped bring her back to life...Our vet saw who we were through the act of giving to an unlovely and sick kitten. She commented to me:“I see now who you are.” (Nessa looked sick, eyes full of junk, scrawny,wobbly, ugly, wandering around in a gas station)

“THE LORD GIVES RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE TO ALL WHO ARE TREATED UNFAIRLY.” Psalm 106:3

My friend Brookie's will is being contested, and as I am the the executrix, we are having to give our a lot of time to fight for her inheritance to be given to those she wanted it given to, not to the relative of hers that she saw three times in her life who is demanding it for himself. For us personally, we get zero, we are not beneficiaries, but others will benefit from our giving of our time.

God has shown us many hidden things about the will. He will provide for those He guides.

“Man looks at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7b

A neighbor of ours, who lives on a nearby kibbutz has been left to raise his two sons alone, as his wife has left them. Every time I reach out to bring some cheer to these boys, I feel the

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pleasure of the Lord upon me, it is my time that I willingly am giving...

This is a burden from God for I earnestly desire to be of use to God....that is my heart. He gets the glory. Before I met Eric, I had a cat who I named Henani...which means "here I am." God, use me.

Jacob deceived Esau; regardless of who prompted him (his mother), he did it. He sowed deception ...He reaped deception (14 years he waited for Rachel, the woman he loved, to be his wife).

Rachel sowed deceit when she stole her father's idols as she prepared to leave their home and go with Jacob to the land of Canaan. She died en route to her new home. We reap what we sow. God is Sovereign...He will have mercy on whom ever He chooses, Romans 9:15

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Psalm 11:10

Walk in the blessings of God. Look for them; however, they are conditional. But as far as choices go it is the best choice we could ever make.

"The one who blesses others is absolutely blessed; those who help others are helped."
Proverbs 11:25 the Message Bible

Looking at it this way....my mind is a garden.
My thoughts are the seeds.
My harvest will either be flowers or weeds.

Years ago (about 40) I began to keep the 10 Commandments and I felt the Presence of God.. My joy was so complete, I thought I could reach all the people in my world...the world I lived in at that time. Every encounter I had with people was my opportunity to reach them to tell them about my new found faith. To my utter surprise people showed me that they did not care to

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know. I still wonder about that, because I firmly believe if they knew Him they would love Him, this is why I always look for more opportunities to share my faith.

I actually wanted to give all of my savings at that time to build a new church for God. He showed me He did not need another church, so many are empty. But He encouraged me to share my faith; in fact, I always smile when I think of the time when I learned about the verses in the Bible that I could call God's promises to me. One of them was: "Cast your burdens on the Lord and He shall sustain you." Psalm 55:22...I said to God: "If I cast my burdens on you what will I do with my life, with nothing to worry about?" He said: "Tell them that I love them"

What point I am making by telling you the story of the church I wanted to build, and to use all of my savings to do that....is that God blessed the idea...the thought....He knew I wanted to bless Him. He blessed me.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD.

"Give and it shall be given unto you" this is one of my life's Scriptures....I learned that years ago...the hard way for sure...but I did learn it. "God loves a cheerful giver."

God says:"I will supply all of your needs according to My riches in glory..."

From the book *Come Away My Beloved* by Francis Roberts is a section called *The economy of the Kingdom*. Sh

e quotes Luke 6:18 "For with the same measure that you use it will be measured back to you."

In His book, *Experiencing GOD'S Extravagance*, Frank Eiklor presents a story which reflects what happens when the Messiah rules your life,,,Nov 25 Frank quotes Dave Gilbert writing in "Foresee" (Conservative Congregational Christian Conference"-Vol.33, No 5):

"God won't ask the square footage of your house; He will ask how many people you helped who did not have a house. God won't ask how many material possessions you

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had; He will ask whether those material possessions dictated your life. God won't ask how many promotions you received; He will ask what you did to promote others. The picture was drawn and many illustrations such as this appeared in this segment of the book.

My question to God when I first believed was...."God You have given me so much; what can I give You?"

I believe He answered it when He said: "Tell them that I love them."

Give God what's right, not what's left. God doesn't want parts of your life He wants controlling interest.

Giving up all my material worth to move to Israel was a God-inspired idea. As I reflect on what I left and what I have gained in the Land of my inheritance...it is staggering.

May the Lord confirm to your heart the essence of this message and what it means for you.

In Him,

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