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In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35



Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31



**Our natural disposition is not bent
toward selflessness and sacrifice,
or even generosity and gratitude.
We want – or we take – and our
desire often leads to demand.**



Jesus says, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” while our sinful hearts often say, “I want more.”



**For to me, to live is Christ and to
die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21



**This is the promise of the paradox:
Our capacity to give is due to the
ultimate gift that God gave to us in grace.**



**We understand the blessing of giving
because we've already received more
than we deserve.**



**But whatever things were gain to me,
those things I have counted as loss for
the sake of Christ.**

Philippians 3:7



**The Gospel changes what we believe
we have. And the Gospel changes
what we believe we can give.**



**In Him we have redemption through
His blood, the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of His grace
which He lavished on us...**

Ephesians 1:7-8



When we believe that what we have in Christ is greater than anything we could accumulate in this life, it changes what we believe we can give.



We can now enjoy the blessing of giving ourselves away for the good of others.



**We get filled up by giving
ourselves away.**



**When we give from a place of grace,
we can never out give God.**



**First, when we live and give from a
place of grace, we grow in our
contentment.**



**Second, when we live and give from
a place of grace, we grow in our
character.**



**Finally, when we live and give from a
place of grace, we grow in our
conviction.**



**The grace we give produces a
gift we receive.**





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