INVESTING MY LIFE THROUGH GIVING
Investing Your Life

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Part 5 of 7
Luke 6:38

"Give and it will be given to you … For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

HOW INVESTING MY LIFE THROUGH GIVING BENEFITS MY LIFE

1. GIVING MAKES ME MORE LIKE GOD.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son…" John 3:16

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

2. GIVING DRAWS ME CLOSER TO GOD.

"Where your treasure is your heart is also." Matt. 6:21

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your life." Deut. 14:23 (LB)

3. GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO MATERIALISM.

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way… they may take hold of the life that is truly life." I Tim. 6:17-19

4. GIVING STRENGTHENS MY FAITH.

God uses finances to test your faith.

"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this says the Lord, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it!" Mal. 3:10

5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT FOR ETERNITY.

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.

"…Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourself in haven – It is the only safe investment for eternity." I Tim. 6:18,19 (LB)

6. GIVING BLESSES ME IN RETURN.

"A generous man will prosper. But he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Prov. 11:25

Whatever you give out you're going to get back.

"Good will come to him who is generous…" Psalm 112:5

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:25

You ought to give until it feels good.

Two kinds of people in life: Givers and Takers

Karl Menninger, Dean of American Psychiatry, says:
"Giving is a criterion of mental health. Generous people are rarely mentally ill."

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF GIVING

Remember that God is more interested in my attitude than the amount.

1. GIVE WILLINGLY.

"For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have." 2 Cor. 9:12

Reward for giving is based on willingness not on wealth.

"Each one of you should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure…" 2 Cor. 9:7a

2. GIVE THANKFULLY.

"How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?" Psalm 116:12

3. GIVE JOYFULLY.

"…For God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

2 Bumper Stickers:

"God loveth a cheerful giver, but He also receiveth from a grouch!"
"Tithe if you love Jesus. Anybody can honk."
Greek word – "hilaros"

4. GIVE REGULARLY (WEEKLY).

"On the first day of every week set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." I Cor. 16:2 (LB)

5. GIVE EXPECTANTLY.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will reap generously." 2 Cor. 9:6

LAW OF THE HARVEST – WHAT YOU SOW YOU WILL REAP.

KEY BIBLE WORDS USED:

Believe	272
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Give	2161

"They first gave themselves to the Lord." 2 Cor. 8:5