"Giving All In Fellowship & Unity!"

Acts 4:32-37

Now the *Multitude of Those Who Believed Were of One Heart and One Soul*; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but *They Had All Things In Common*. And with *Great Power the Apostles Gave Witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus*. And *Great Grace Was Upon Them All (Believers)*. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. "And *Joses*, who was Also Named by the Apostles, *Barnabas*, Which is Translated, *'Son of Encouragement'*, who was a Levite of the Country of Cyprus, who also having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4:32-37 (NKJV)

Q

"What Is Meant By The Phrase,
'Now The Multitude Of Those Who Believed
Were Of One Heart & One Soul'?"

Α

All Of God's True Followers Sought Diligently & Reverently
The Holy Spirit's Vision, Direction, & Leadership In Their Lives
Individually & Together As His Chosen People – The Church!

Q

"What Was The Result Of Living This Way In Love, Fellowship, Harmony, & Unity?"

Α

They Were Given Great Power To Boldly Teach & Preach & God's Grace Was Upon Everyone "And With Great Power the Apostles Gave Witness To the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

And Great Grace Was Upon Them All (The Believers)!"

Α

They Were Also Given New Anointed Church Leaders Elders By Apostolic Succession To Further Their Ministry

"And Joses, who was Also Named by the Apostles, Barnabas, Which is Translated, 'Son of Encouragement', who was a Levite of the Country of Cyprus."

Q

"What Is Meant By All The Rest Of The Scripture That Speaks Of The Love, Fellowship, Harmony, & Unity They Shared In Common In The Early Church In Those Days?"

A

"Neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but <u>They Had All Things In Common</u>... Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. ... And Joses, ... Barnabas, ... 'Son of Encouragement', ... who also having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."

Acts 4:32b, 34-35, 36ab, & 37

CONTEXT - 1st Century Church

The Followers of Jesus Christ & All Their Church Leaders

Were Convinced The End Of The Age / World

& The Second Coming Of Jesus Christ Was IMMINENT!

Therefore, They Believed That Their Mission

Which Their Lord Had Commissioned Them

To Complete Was IMMINENT!

CONTEXT - Jesus Exhorted IMMINENCE

Jesus instructed His Followers, "And As You Go, Preach, Saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven Is At Hand.' ... For Assuredly, I Say To You, You Will Not Have Gone Through The Cities Of Israel Before The Son Of Man Comes!"

Matthew 10:7 & 23b (NKJV)

Jesus instructed His Followers, "And As You Go, Preach, Saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven Is At Hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city! Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My Sake, as a Testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of Your Father Who speaks in you. Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My Name's Sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For Assuredly, I Say To You, You Will Not Have Gone Through The Cities Of Israel Before The Son Of Man Comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! Therefore, do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law';" ...

... "And 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household." He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward!"

Jesus Commanded His Followers, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age!"

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

Three Things Lead To An Immediate Sell Off Of Property & Assets & Communal Living & Sharing In The 1st Century A.D.

1) IMMINENT End Of The Age / World
2) IMMINENT Mission
3) IMMINENT Second Coming
CONTEXT – 21st Century Church

Q

"What Should The Modern Church Today Until The Last Days Actually Begin?"

Contextual Answers For Today's Church

Α

- 1) Daily Live Together In Love, Fellowship, Harmony, & Unity
 - 2) Daily Carry Out Our Mission With All Urgency
 - 3) Daily Preach & Teach Boldly The Good News
- 4) Daily Come Together For Fellowship, Instruction, Praise, & Prayer
 - 5) Daily Serve One Another & Our Neighbors Regularly
- 6) Daily Get Involved In Ministry According To Our Gifting By God's Spirit
 - 7) Daily Sacrificially Giving Of Our Tithes & Offerings

Q

"What Is Sacrificial Tithing & Offering?"

Α

It Means Giving Generously Of Our Finances Joyfully & Willingly
For God's Use To Carry Out His Mission
To Bring His Kingdom To Earth In Our Lifetime

Q

"What Is Tithing According To God?"

Α

At Least <u>35 Times</u> In God's Word God Instructs His People To Give To Him Their <u>Tithe</u>. Giving God Back All That He Gives You With The First 10% Of All You Have As A Minimum! O

"What Is An Offering According To God?"

Α

At Least <u>830 Times</u> In God's Word God Instructs His People To Give To Him Their <u>Offering</u>. Giving God Back All That He Gives You With An <u>Additional Gift Above & Beyond</u> Your <u>Tithe</u>.

Α

An <u>Offering</u> Therefore Is A <u>Tithe On A Tithe</u>.

With The <u>First 1% Extra</u> Of All You Have After Giving Your <u>Tithe</u>
As A Minimum <u>Offering</u> Above & Beyond To God!

Q

"What Should The Modern Church Today Do Right Now?"

Α

Be The 1st Century Church Now In All Things!

Α

- 1) Daily Live Together In Love, Fellowship, Harmony, & Unity
 - 2) Daily Carry Out Our Mission With All Urgency
 - 3) Daily Preach & Teach Boldly The Good News
- 4) Daily Come Together For Fellowship, Instruction, Praise, & Prayer
 - 5) Daily Serve One Another & Our Neighbors Regularly
- 6) Daily Get Involved In Ministry According To Our Gifting By God's Spirit

A

One New Caveat In Preparing To Enter The Last Days!

7)¹ Sell Off Everything Except What You Need To Survive, Thrive, & Live Daily.

Share With Others Who Have Less Or Do Not Have The Means That You Do.

Also Be Prepared For Those Who Did Not Plan Ahead

For These Present Days In Which We Now Live!

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One New Caveat As We Enter The Last Days!

7)² Sell Everything You Have Left Except What You Need to Survive & Live Daily In The Wilderness, & Then Give The Last Of The Proceeds In Addition, To The Kingdom Of God & God's People!

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"Oh Gracious, Loving, Creator & Father Of Us All,

Who Constantly Supplies All Of Our Daily Needs, & Who Gives Us Everything Good Thing, Oh Savior, Redeemer, & Lord Jesus Christ,

Who Has Blessed Us By Your Eternal Sacrifice, & Who Makes Constant Intercession For Us,

Dearest Holy Spirit, Lover Of Our Souls,

Great Comforter, Guide, Communicator, & Teacher, Continue To Abide Within Us!"

"Oh, Help Us, The One, True, Triune Godhead, Giver Of All Life, Author Of Our Faith,

Hope & Joy For Living, Giver Of Every Blessing, Help Us To Give Back To You All That We Have,

Of Our Time, Our Talents, Our Tithes & Offerings!"

"Oh, God Help Us, To Give Back To You Freely, Sacrificially, Joyfully, & Willingly,
All That You Have Already Blessed Us With, In This Earthly Life.
Oh God, Change Our Hearts, Our Minds, & Our Desires.

Cause Us Oh God To Live In This World, But Be Not Consumed & Conformed To It,
And Fit Us Now For Heaven, To Live Eternally With You There!"

(Handout)

Part I: "Our Gift: Making A Return On God's Blessings!"

1. Give Back An Offering From The Earth's Bounty & Blessings!

A. Give God You're Very Best!

B. Give Back To God First, Before Partaking Of Any!

"And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an <u>offering</u> of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his <u>offering</u>, but He did not respect Cain and his <u>offering</u>. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell."

Genesis 4:3-5

"And all the <u>tithe</u> of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord ... And concerning the <u>tithe</u> of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the <u>tenth one</u> shall be holy to the Lord."

Leviticus 27:30 & 32

"Bring the <u>first fruits</u> of our dough, our <u>offerings</u>, the fruit from all kinds of trees, the new wine and the oil, to the priests, <u>to the storerooms of the house of our God</u>; and to bring the <u>tithes</u> of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities."

Nehemiah 10:37

2. Give Back One/Tenth (1/10) Of All You Inherit, Earn, Or Produce!

A. Give Back A Tithe From The First Fruits Of Your Blessings!

B. Keep Back Only What Belongs To You!

"So, Abraham brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people...Then Melchizedek King of Salem brought out bread and wine; He was the priest of God Most High. And He blessed him and said: 'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Who is Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' And Abraham gave Him a tithe of all." Genesis 14:16 &18-20

3. Give An Extra 1% - A Tithe On Your Tithe As A Special Offering To The Lord!

A. Give In Excess As The Lord Has Already Blessed You In Excess!

B. Give So The Work Of God May Abound Beyond His Local Church To The Whole World!

"These are the feasts of the Lord which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day, besides the Sabbaths of the Lord, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the Lord."

Leviticus 23:37-38

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: When you take from the children of Israel the <u>tithes</u> which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a <u>heave offering</u> of it to the Lord, a tenth of the tithe. Thus, you shall also offer a <u>heave offering</u> to the Lord from all your tithes which you receive from the children of Israel, and you shall give the Lord's <u>heave offering</u> from it to Aaron the priest. Of all your gifts you shall offer up every <u>heave offering</u> due to the Lord, <u>from all the best of them</u>, the consecrated part of them."

Numbers 18:25-26 & 28-29

4. Give Your Gift Freely, Willingly, And With Thanksgiving From A Grateful Heart! A. Give Sacrificially & Willingly For The Building Of God's Church & His Work On Earth! B. Give From A Willing Heart Filled With Joy & Thanksgiving!

"Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an <u>offering</u>. From everyone who gives it <u>willingly</u> with his heart you shall take My <u>offering</u> ... 'Take from among you an <u>offering</u> to the Lord. Whoever is of a <u>willing heart</u>, let him bring it as an <u>offering</u> to the Lord: gold, silver, and bronze'"; ...

... "The children of Israel brought a <u>freewill offering</u> to the Lord, all the men and women whose <u>hearts</u> <u>were willing</u> to bring material for all kinds of work which the Lord, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done ... And they received from Moses all the <u>offering</u> which the Children of Israel had brought for the <u>work of the service of making the sanctuary</u>. So, they continued bringing to him <u>freewill offerings</u> every morning ... And when you offer a <u>sacrifice of thanksgiving</u> to the Lord, <u>offer it of your own free will</u> ... Then you shall keep the Festivals to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you."

Exodus 25:2, 35:5 & 29, 36:3, Leviticus 22:19, & Deuteronomy 16:10

"Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High!"

Psalms 50:14

"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord!"

Psalms 116:17

"Therefore, I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So, let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: 'He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever! Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,' while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2nd Corinthians 9:5-15

Part II: "Our Gift: Making A Return On God's Blessings!"

5. Give Of All You Have, Holding Nothing Back From Him Who Has Blessed & Ordained You! A. Give To God So His Glorious Name Will Be Proclaimed In All The Earth!

B. Give Generously Not Holding Anything Back To Him Who Blesses You In Abundance! "There you shall take your <u>burnt offerings</u>, <u>your sacrifices</u>, <u>your tithes</u>, the <u>heave offerings</u> of your hand, <u>your vowed offerings</u>, <u>your freewill offerings</u>, and the <u>firstborn of your herds and flocks</u> ... <u>Then there will be the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide</u>. <u>There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the Lord."</u>

Deuteronomy 12:6 & 11

"And you shall bring the Levites (Priests) before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel. So, you shall bring the Levites before the Lord, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites; and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord like a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the Lord... And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and then offer them like a wave offering to the Lord. Thus, you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine. For they are wholly given to Me from among the children of Israel; I have taken them for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the children of Israel." ...

... "I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel. And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary."

Numbers 8:9-11 & 13-14 & 16, & 18-19

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him will be asked even more!"

"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give the

Luke 12:48

"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'!"

Acts 20:35

6. Give So God's Name Will Be Glorified & Proclaimed By All The Peoples Of The Earth!

A. Give To God So His Glorious Name Will Be Revered & Worshiped On Earth!

B. Give Sacrificially & Willingly For The Building Of God's Church & His Kingdom On Earth!

"Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly ... Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You ... I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your People, who are present here to offer willingly to You."

1st Chronicles 29:6, 9, 14, & 17

"Also, that day they <u>offered great sacrifices</u>, <u>and rejoiced</u>, <u>for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced</u>, <u>so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.</u>"

Nehemiah 12:43

"Give to the Lord the Glory Due His Name; bring an offering, and come into His Courts!" Psalms 96:8

7. Give So God's Ordained Ministers/Elders May Care For God's People!

A. Give So God's Called & Anointed Shepherds May Care For You & Those Who Are Lost!

B. Give So God's House Will Not Fall Into Disrepair & Neglect!

"For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the <u>offering of the grain</u>, of the <u>new wine and the oil</u>, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, where the <u>priests who minister</u> and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and <u>we will not neglect the house of our God</u> ... And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the <u>storehouse for the offerings</u>, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who <u>ministered</u>."

Nehemiah 10:39 & 12:44

"And indeed, those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law."

Hebrews 7:5

8. Give Your Gift Of Righteousness, So You May Be In Perfect Communion With God!

A. Give So You May Be Right With Your Creator & Savior God!

B. Give So You & Your House Will Receive Protection & Abundant Blessings From God!

"For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore, you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the Lord of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My House, and try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field" Says the Lord of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:6-12

"Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your Trust in the Lord!"

Psalms 4:5

Part III: "Our Gift: Making A Return On God's Blessings!"

9. Give Your Gift With A Clean Conscious By Seeking & Offering Forgiveness With Your Brothers & Sisters From Your Heart; So, You May Be In Perfect Communion With God & One Another!

A. Give Your Gift In Righteousness To God; So, You Will Be At Peace With One Another!

B. Give After First Forgiving Others, Just As You Have Been Already Been Forgiven!

"Therefore, if you <u>bring your gift to the altar</u>, and <u>there remember that your brother has something against you</u>; <u>leave your gift there before the altar</u>, and go your way. <u>First be reconciled to your brother</u>, and <u>then come and offer your gift</u>."

Matthew 5:23-34

10. Give Of Your Time (Service) & Your Talents (Spiritual Gifts); Not Just Your Tithes & Offerings!

A. Give Of Your Time & Talents For Service To Christ Jesus Your Lord!

B. Give Of Your Spiritual Gifts For The Building Up & Service Of Others!

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly 1st Corinthians 12:1-31 desire the best gifts."

[&]quot;And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem."

11. Give So Your Heritage Of Faith Will Not Be Forgotten; But Continue To Reap An Eternal Harvest!

A. Give So Your Faith Is Remembered And Given As An Eternal Heritage To Future Generations!

B. Give So You Continue To Be A Blessing, Even In Death As A Seed Of Perpetuity & Faith!

"Behold, <u>Children are a Heritage from the Lord</u>, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate." Psalms 127:3-5 "By faith Abel <u>offered to God a more excellent sacrifice</u> than Cain, <u>through which he obtained witness that he was righteous</u>, God testifying of his gifts; <u>and through it he being dead still speaks</u>."

Hebrews 11:4

"But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' declares the Lord of hosts. 'For there will be peace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things."

Zechariah 8:11-12

"You who fear the Lord, Praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, Glorify Him, and Fear Him, all you Offspring of Israel ... All the Ends of the World shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the Families of the Nations shall Worship before You. For the Kingdom is the Lord's, And He Rules Over the Nations A Posterity shall Serve Him. It will be Recounted of the Lord to the Next Generation, they will come and declare His Righteousness to a People who will be born, that He has done this!"

Psalms 22:23 & 27-28 & 30-31

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to Bless You, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities." Acts 3:19-26

12. Give So You May Reap An Eternal Inheritance Among His Saints!

A. Give So That You May Truly Be Worthy Of Eternal Life By Divesting Yourself In This Life!

B. Give By Multiplying What Was Entrusted To You, To Give Back A Return On God's Gift To You!

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that <u>from the Lord you</u> will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ!"

Colossians 3:23-24

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time, the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So, he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'" ...

... "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So, you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.' So, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.' And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!"

Matthew 25:13-30

"When the Son of Man comes in His Glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His Glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:31-46

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:7-10

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My Reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his Work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last!", Says The Lord!

Revelation 22:12-13