## 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! Peace & Unity - A. Give Your Gift In Righteousness; So, You Will Be At Peace With One Another! Forgiveness & Grace - B. Give After First Forgiving Others, Just As You Have Been Forgiven!

"Therefore, if you <u>bring your gift to the altar</u>, and <u>there remember that your brother has something</u> <u>against you</u>; <u>leave your gift there before the altar</u>, and go your way. <u>First be reconciled to your</u> brother, and then come and offer your gift." <u>Matthew 5:23-34</u>

10. Give Of Your Time (Service) & Your Talents (Spiritual Gifts), Not Just Your Tithes & Offerings! Time & Talents - A. Give Of Your Time & Talents For Service To Jesus Christ Your Lord! Spiritual Gifts - 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 Desire The Best Gifts." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1-31

Jesus taught this parable, "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 & dug in the ground, & hid his lord's money. <u>After a long time, the lord of those servants came</u> <u>& settled accounts with them</u>. So, he who had received five talents came & 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, <u>'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will</u> <u>make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord</u>.' 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, '<u>Well done, good and faithful</u> 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, '<u>You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where</u> 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!'''

11. Give So Your Heritage Of Faith Will Not Be Forgotten; But Continue To Reap An Eternal Harvest! Faithful Heritage - A. Give So Your Faith Is Remembered As An Eternal Heritage To Future Generations! Perpetual Blessing - B. Give So After You Die You Faith Continues On As A Blessing Into Perpetuity!

"By faith Abel <u>offered to God a more excellent sacrifice</u> than Cain, <u>through which he obtained witness</u> that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks."

Hebrews 11:4

"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

"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 <u>A posterity shall serve Him</u> ... <u>It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, they will come</u> <u>and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born</u>, that He has done this!"

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

12. Give So You May Reap An Eternal Inheritance Among His Saints! Eternal Life - A. Give So That You May Truly Be Worthy Of Eternal Life By Divesting In This Life! Multiplied Return - B. Give By Multiplying God's Gift Entrusted To You, Give Back A Return!

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that <u>from the Lord you</u> <u>will receive the reward of the inheritance</u>; for you serve the Lord Christ!" Colossians 3:23-24

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; <u>For Whatever A Man Sows, That He Will Also Reap</u>. 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. <u>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart</u>. <u>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all</u>, especially to those who are of the household of faith." <u>Galatians 6:7-10</u>

"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. <u>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</u>. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <u>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</u>: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you come 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, "<u>Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me</u>." 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, "<u>Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch</u> as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me." <u>And these will go away into</u> everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." <u>Matthew 25:31-46</u>

"And behold, I AM coming quickly, and <u>My Reward Is With Me, To Give To Everyone According</u> <u>To His Work</u>. I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last!" Says The Lord! Revelation 22:12-13

## Let Us Stand & Pray

"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 Treasure, & Our All To You!" "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!"