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## What Our Giving Can Mean

by Mike King

Paul said to the Corinthians that their liberal sharing not only supplied needs of the saints, but glorified God (2 Cor. 9:12-14). Additional benefits are realized when we think more in terms of giving rather than receiving. Note some of the great good that *Cecil A. Hutson* identifies can be done by generous givers:

1. Giving supplies “wants.” Our giving does make a difference! Unfortunately, we do not always see the recipients and the results of our giving. Because of what we give, souls are saved, hurting people helped, and real needs are supplied.

2. Giving brings thanksgiving to God. We have heard grateful expressions from people that our giving has helped. One can see by the “looks” on the faces of the recipients, gratitude, appreciation, and relief. Those helped thank God for our blessing their lives by aiding them during difficult times.

3. Giving brings glory to God. It proves what God can do in human lives through other human lives that belong to God. People in subjection to the gospel can do things thought very improbable or impossible (2 Cor. 8:2). When giving is inadequate and an improper disposition toward giving is manifested, conversely, a “message about ones spiritual immaturity is sent.

We are to let our “*light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify [our] Father*” (Mt. 5:16).

4. Giving proves a great spirit. Liberal giving comes from a wholesome spirit, conditioned by unselfishness. Liberality is a quality which blesses others and demonstrates a personal tenderness toward those having needs or a cause that is worthy. It is a way of saying, “*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*” (2 Cor. 9:15).

5. Giving “connects” people in Christ. The Christians in Jerusalem were recipients of the liberal gifts of Macedonia and Achaia. There was a great distance between them, but yet, there was a longing in the saints in Judea to see and to be with the saints of Achaia. This is where fellowship is realized at its best!

6. Giving is an offering to God. The term “service” refers to a priest’s ministering. The apostle Paul was a beneficiary of the Philippians’ liberal giving, although he felt God was the real recipient because it was for them a sacrifice (1 Pet. 2:5).

If our giving is driven by a spirit of liberality that grows from God’s grace toward us, our giving is then truly considered by God as a sacrifice.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver II Cor. 9:7

## A POEM FOR ALL PARENTS

**Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates me as a parent, I will tell them:**

**I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.**

**I loved you enough to insist that you save your money and buy a bike for yourself even though we could afford to buy one for you.**

**I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep.**

**I loved you enough to make you take a Milky Way back to the drugstore (with a bite out of it) and tell the clerk, "I stole this yesterday and want to pay for it."**

**I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me fifteen minutes.**

**I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents are not perfect.**

**I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.**

**But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it. Those were the most difficult battles of all. I am glad I won them, because in the end you won something, too.**

## Close To, Round About, or Nearby

(Author unknown)

One Sunday, the "Minister" was giving a sermon on baptism and in the course of his sermon he was illustrating the fact that baptism should take place by sprinkling and not by immersion. He pointed out some instances in the Bible. He said that when John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, it didn't mean in - it meant close to, round about, or nearby. And again, when it says in the Bible that Philip baptized the eunuch in the river, it didn't mean in—it meant close to, round about, or nearby.

After the service, a man came up to the minister and told him it was a great sermon, one of the best he had ever heard, and that it had cleared up a great many mysteries he had encountered in the Bible. "For instance," he said, "the story about Jonah getting swallowed by the big fish has always bothered me. Now I know that Jonah wasn't really in the big fish, but close to, round about, or nearby, swimming in the water."

"Then there is the story about the three young Hebrew boys who were thrown into the furious furnace, but were not burned. Now I see that they were not really in the fire, just close to, round about, or nearby, just keeping warm.

"But the hardest of all the stories for me to believe has always been the story of Daniel getting thrown into the lion's den. But now I see that he wasn't really in the lion's den, but close to, round about, or nearby, like at the zoo."

"The revealing of these mysteries have been a real comfort to me because I am a wicked man. Now I am gratified to know that I won't be in Hell, but close to, round about, or nearby. And next Sunday, I won't have to be in church, just close to, round about, or nearby. Thanks. You have really put my mind at ease."

**Matt 23:15** *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."*

## YOUTH NEWS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be Sunday June 13, at Hwy 15 Pontotoc church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:55
- Terrific Tuesday will meet each Tuesday at 10:00AM. There are different activities planned for each week. The kids went to Tupelo to Chuck E Cheeses this week.

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Bobby Montgomery**, seeing a doctor this week about his breathing problems.  
**Mary Nell Smith**, having heart rhythm problems again. She is to see the doctor today.  
**Bill King**, (brother of Mike King) has a mass on his pancreas. They are waiting on test results.  
**Wadie Lepard**, having tests run.

#### Continual Prayer List

**Wayne Jernigan, Pauline Smith, Marie Yancey, Linda Griggs, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Donna Weeden, Nicki Weaver, J.A. Thornton, J.D. Stroud, Tom Elliott, Terry Young,**

#### Shut-Ins

**Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest**

#### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

**Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Corrine Hall, Willie Jackson, Dessie Lee Allred, Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis**

#### Military List:

**David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force—California, Tiffany Erwin— Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan**

### WEDDING

Martin Crotts & Erica Ormon will be united in marriage Saturday, June 12, at New Albany Church of Christ at 6:00p.m. There will be a reception following the wedding at the fellowship building. All are invited to attend.

### ASKED FOR PRAYERS

Wednesday night, Andy Clemmer confessed wrongs in his life and ask for the prayers of the church. We appreciate Andy and his willingness to live as Christ would have him.

### PICNIC/CAMPOUT

Our many thanks go out to Randy and Christy Wall for the great time everyone had at the campout Friday night. There was great food, fun, fishing and fellowship. We appreciate their warm hospitality.

**Note from the Wall's:** Thanks so much for the ones who came to the picnic/campout Friday. We had a great time and look forward to the fun/food/and fellowship that we can have with our church family. Everyone who camped out had a great time also, especially those who stayed up the entire night. A special thanks to Phillip Young and his friend Jonathan, Mark Jennings and Richard Adams for helping set up and clean up afterwards.

### BIRTHDAYS

June 10.....David Clayton  
June 11.....Christy Wall  
June 12.....Collett Cross  
June 16.....Lucille Gibson  
June 16.....Joanna Moffitt  
June 16.....Bobby Montgomery

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 10.....Ray & Pat Kennedy  
June 14.....Austin & Jessica Garrett  
June 14.....Greg & Lynn Harrison  
June 16.....Richard & Kathy Jennings

### FELLOWSHIP

Sunday night, June 20th, we will have a fellowship supper following services at the fellowship building. Please bring your favorite snack/finger foods.

### AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gospel Meeting @ Ripley Church of Christ**, June 20-24. There will be different speakers each night. Check the bulletin board for details.

**Gospel Meeting @ Verona Church of Christ**, June 25-27 with Stanley Williams as guest speaker.

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## OUR RECORD

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Sunday School ..... | n/a        |
| Sunday A.M .....    | 122        |
| Sunday P.M. ....    | 84         |
| Wednesday .....     | 120        |
| Contribution.....   | \$2,430.60 |
| Budget .....        | \$3,305.70 |

## TO SERVE

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Scripture .....      | Bill Botts       |
| A.M. Prayer ..       | Richard Jennings |
| Closing Prayer ..... | Bill Lyon        |
| P.M. Prayer.....     | Roger Clayton    |
| Closing.....         | Olen Clark       |
| Wed. 6/16.. .....    | Greg Harrison    |
| Wed. 6/16.....       | Phillip Young    |
| Usher & Lock ....    | Harold Russell   |
| Greeters.....        | A & S Clemmer    |

## PANTRY ITEM:

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

|                             |       |
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| Sunday School.....          | 9:30  |
| Morning Worship .....       | 10:30 |
| Evening Worship.....        | 6:00  |
| Wednesday Bible Study ..... | 7:00  |

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### Elders

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Jennings ..... | 534-6671 |
| Troy Robertson.....    | 534-3491 |

### Deacons

|                      |          |
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| Bill Botts .....     | 316-2422 |
| Greg Clayton .....   | 538-0791 |
| Roger Clayton.....   | 534-5240 |
| Andy Clemmer.....    | 816-5887 |
| Harold Russell ..... | 534-4648 |
| Randy Wall.....      | 316-9255 |

### Minister

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Office..... | 534-4649 |
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## He's Watching You

A couple of month's ago, I walked into my daughter's bedroom and I noticed that she had placed towels on top of all her American Girl baby dolls. So I asked her, "Anne Marie, why do all your dolls have towels over their heads?" She said, "Because of their eyes...they're all watching me." Well, I had to laugh because I remember being afraid of a snowman that used to sit in my sister's room when I was a little boy, and it too had eyes that "watched me."

But did you know that Psalm 139 teaches us that we cannot escape the "all-seeing" eyes of God? He sees everything. He is always present. And that truth leads me to this question. Do God's "all-seeing eyes" give you comfort or fear?

For the child of God who is seeking to become more and more like Jesus, the presence and oversight of God in one's daily walk should be comforting and reassuring; like a child learning to ride a bike as that child's father runs along side for protection and safety.

But for the one who is carelessly living his life, unconcerned about the will of God, the presence and "all-seeing eyes" of God should be a terrifying proposition.

So which is it for you? Does the fact that God sees everything give you comfort and reassurance, or does this fact make you want to reach for a towel?

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