ATTITUDE FOR ALTITUDE

GIVERS AND TAKERS Luke 6:38 Jeff Schreve

"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by vour standard of measure it will be measured to vou in return." Luke 6:38

Do you have an attitude of generous, cheerful giving?

- 1. God <u>loves it</u> when you give.
 - A. You <u>imitate God</u> when you give. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. Ephesians 5:1
 - B. You exercise faith when you give.
 - C. You bless God's heart when you give.

Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

- 2. God warns you when you give.
 - A. Don't give with prideful motives.

But a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. Acts 5:1-2

B. Don't give with selfish motives.

"If you give because it pays, it won't pay." R. G. LeTourneau

3. God blesses you when you give.

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- A. When you give yourself to Him, He gives Himself to you.
- B. When you give <u>your service</u> to Him, He gives <u>joy</u> to you.
 - 1. Give your time.
 - 2. Give your talents.
 - 3. Give your testimony.
- C. When you give <u>your money</u> to Him, He gives <u>back</u> to you. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test 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 a blessing until it overflows." Malachi 3:10

Will you believe the Lord and take Him at His Word?