

# The Blessed Giver

Acts 20:35

## Introduction:

- A. Blessed giver more than mere benefactor—a beneficiary (text; Phil. 4:10-12,16-17)
- B. Blessed giver more than mere donor—does it from heart. (1 Cor. 13:3).
- C. Blessed giver has three wonderful *traits*:

## Discussion:

### **I. The Blessed Giver Partakes Of The Divine Nature. (cf. 2 Pet. 1:4; Jas. 1:17)**

- A. God gives us necessities of spiritual life. (2 Pet. 1:3)
  - 1. His son. (John 3:16; 6:32-33).
  - 2. Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32).
  - 3. Revelation—Bible (2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:3).
  - 4. Grace (Jas. 4:6; Heb. 4:16).
- B. God gives us necessities of physical life. (Mt. 6:25,33)
  - 1. Suppose God gave only as we give.
  - 2. Need to share when we can. (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

### **II. The Blessed Giver First Gives Himself. (2 Cor. 8:2-5)**

- A. Energy and time naturally follows. (Matt. 8:21-22)
- B. Material goods naturally follows. (1 John 3:17-18; Acts 20:34,35).

### **III. The Blessed Giver Gives To Please God. (Matt. 6:1-4).**

- A. God pleased when Christians give to fellow man:
  - 1. To relieve needs. (Jas. 2:15-16; Acts 20:34).
  - 2. To share in gospel. (Gal. 6:6).
  - 3. To show appreciation. (Acts 26:6-13; Matt. 2:11; 7:11).
- B. God please when Christians give into church treasury.
  - 1. Regularly and porportionatly (1 Cor. 16:2)  
**Note:** Law of Moses: 10% + special offerings + cost of pilgrimages + fields idle every 7 years = 25%–40% (cf. Prov. 3:9).
  - 2. Willingly (2 Cor. 8:11-12).
  - 3. Purposely and cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:6,7)—Not merely habitually.

## Conclusion:

- 1. We *must* give because *we need* it.
- 2. We *must* first give ourselves to the Lord—Why not now!