

Season of Giving



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Text

- Luke 6:38 (NKJV) 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.”



Definitions

- Gift - the transfer of something without the expectation of receiving something in return
- giver



Definitions

- Generosity- the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return



Definitions

- Charity - the giving of help to those in need who are not related to the giver



Types of Giving

- Planned
- Un-planned
- Spontaneous



Facts About Giving

- Requires a motive
- Should be to God
- Required by us as Christians
- An act of worship Gen 4:7
- Give proportionally to your blessings I Cor. 6:2



A Good Gift

- Should be meaningful
- Is from the heart- 2 Cor.9:7
- Out of act of obedience
- Sacrificial/Good Quality- Mark 12:41-44
- Secretive Matt 6:1-4



Who to Give to

- The Church- Matt. 10:40-42
- Body of Christ i.e. church members, missionaries etc
- The poor- Prov.19:17



Who to Give to Cont'd

- Family
- Strangers
- Employees
- The Government- Mark
12:17



Why We Don't Give

- I don't have enough
- No compassion/empathy
- Genuinely don't have



Benefits of Giving

- More blessed to give
- Endears us to God
- Makes us more Christ like



Benefits of Giving Cont'd

- Stores up treasure in heaven
- Builds Trust in God's provision- Ecc.11:1



Benefits of Giving Cont'd

- Gives material increase to the giver- 2 Corinthians 9:6



Who are the Founders?

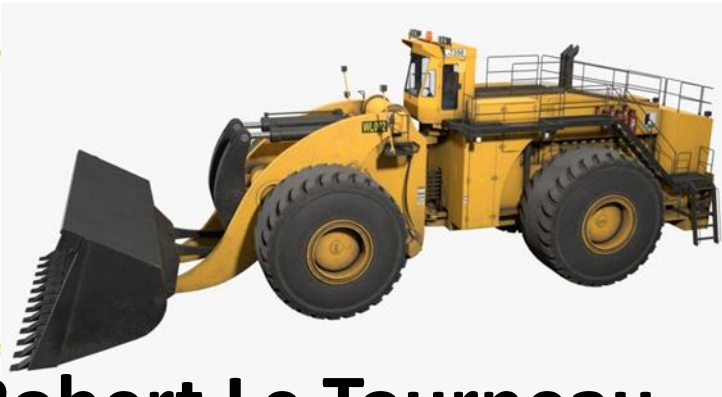
Henry Crowell



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Conclusion

- The ultimate gift this season is salvation-John 3:16
- Give in ALL seasons of life not only Christmas

