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GIVERS AND TAKERS (PART 2)

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"...remember the words of the Lord Jesus: it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 NKJV



During this time of year many of us think about giving gifts and thanks because we celebrate the Thanksgiving, Christmas and other significant holidays. A few years ago, the congregation of Home Assembly Church (my church home) was incredibly thankful that the Lord blessed us to be in our own sanctuary so we could have our annual Thanksgiving Service year. That was 4 years ago. Over the years, the congregation has had that and so much to be thankful about.

A flip side about givers is some givers are not good receivers. There is a misplaced thinking that they are only to give to bless others. When someone offers to give to them and be blessed these givers often refuse to accept it. I'm chuckling right now because that was also my problem. When the Lord delivered me from being stingy the flood gate for giving never stopped flowing. However, it was very uncomfortable for me to allow others to give to me. When you really understand the true meaning of giving and that it is connected with receiving blessings from the Lord, then you would not want to deprive another person from being blessed by the hand of God. It does not make you a taker, unless you really are one at heart. It means you are giver that also knows how to receive. Just say thank you to the person who gives to you and then thank God for them and God will see to it that person is blessed.

Being balanced is so essential to having the right attitude in the kingdom. Yes, it is more blessed to give than to receive. However, the ability to give is not dominated by one but expected of us all; therefore the cycle is one of giving and receiving. This way there is no room for takers as they do not flow in that rhythm.

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