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THE ART OF GIVING

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It's in the nature of God to give so many things to His people. He gives His love daily. He gives a new day and provides breath to believers and unbelievers. He gives attention to our needs. He gives protection. He gives to those who love Him and those who do not even believe He exists. Giving is an expression of love. Our God is a great example of what it means to give.



We often have much to give as well. We can help many who need it by giving what we have in our surplus right at home. I have lived in my home 25 years and was amazed at how many nice things I had accumulated that I could give away to others to enjoy. Household items, clothing, shoes and purses were there that were in mint condition to give away. It gave me a sense of warmth to share love by sharing the things I no longer need with people who can enjoy it. This wasn't sacrificial giving. It was sharing beautiful things with people I know and strangers for their pleasure. People asked if I would have a garage sale to make money. I believe it's more loving to give to others. Money has its place, I know that. However, even the Lord told the Israelites that when they gathered their crop to leave some behind for the widow, the orphan and the stranger. These are the gleanings I had to share for others to enjoy.

Look around your home, your closet, your drawers and your garage (if you have one) and see what you can give to support someone else. God will bless you for it and you will enjoy the smile on the faces of those with whom you share. It's been said it's better to give than to receive. Practice the art of giving, it's fulfilling and it's a way to bless others.

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