

“The Last Beatitude Of Jesus”

Lesson Text: **Acts 20:33-35**. Why Is It More Blessed To Give?

I. The Problems Of Always Wanting To Receive?

- People In The Bible Who Thought It Was More Blessed To Receive.
 - Balaam Wanted To Receive The Reward For Unrighteousness- **2 Peter 2:15**.
 - Ahab Only Wanted To Receive The Vineyard He Couldn't Have- **1 Kings 21:1-2**.
 - Gehazi Wanted To Receive The Reward From Naaman- **2 Kings 5:26-27**.
 - The One Who Wanted To Receive The Inheritance From His Brother- **Luke 12:13**.
 - The Prodigal Son Who Received His Inheritance Early- **Luke 15:12**.
- Wanting To Receive Only Can Make Us Impatient, Covetous, & Greedy.
- It Can Also Spoil Us And Ruin Our Good Heart- **Proverbs 30:15**.
- Only Wanting To Receive Doesn't Help Anyone But Ourselves!
 - **Deuteronomy 15:7-11**.

II. It Is Essentially God-Like In Nature.

- God Is A Provider/Giver, And We Should Be Too. **Ecclesiastes 5:18**.
- We Are To Be Like Our Heavenly Father- **Matthew 5:48**.
- Being A Generous Giver Goes Against The World's View Of Life.
 - The World Says, “What's In It For Me?”
- God Teaches Us To Say, “How Can I Help Others?” **Ephesians 4:28**.
 - It Makes Us Well-Pleasing To The Lord- **Hebrews 13:16**.

III. It Is Just Like Our Master Jesus.

- **Acts 10:38**.
- **Luke 6:40**.
- Jesus Lived To Enlighten, To Comfort, To Bless, To Bestow, & To Redeem.
- There Was Little, Indeed, That He Received In Life- **Matthew 8:20**.
- A Contrast Of Two Followers Of Jesus— Mary & Judas.
 - Mary In **John 12:3**. What Can I Give To Jesus?
 - **Judas In Matthew 26:14-15**. What Can I Get From Jesus?

IV. It Enlarges Our Life.

- **Luke 6:38**.
- The Farmer Gains By Giving: Labor, Seed, & Care.
- He Gets Back What He Puts Into It- **2 Corinthians 9:6,8,& 10**.
- If We Want The Best Life Possible, Here and In Eternity— Be A Giver!

V. It Is An Investment In Eternity.

- **Matthew 6:19-20**.
- **1 Timothy 6:17-19**.
- Conclusion: **Matthew 10:8**.