

The Giving Tree

-John Woods-

Luke 6:38

A. Instructions about Giving – “GIVE...”

1. Tithe
 - Malachi 3:8,10
 - Proverbs 3:9-10
2. Time
 - Psalms 90:12
3. Talent
 - 1 Peter 4:10
 - James 1:17
4. Treasure
 - Matthew 6:19-21
 - Matthew 20:28

B. Blessings of Giving

1. Provision - “...and it will be given to you...”
2. Plentiful/Plenty - “...good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over - will be poured into your lap.”
3. Promise – “...for with the measure you give, it will be given back to you.”

The Law of the Harvest (Galatians 6:7-8) – You always get...

- What you sow
- More than you sow
- Later than you sow

C. Examples of Giving

1. The Poor Widow (Mark 12:41-44)
2. The Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:21-22)
3. Eric Liddell, Jim Elliot

D. The Truth About Giving

1. God is a giving God. He gives: John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9

- Unconditionally
- Sacrificially
- Generously

2. God owns everything; therefore, all blessings come from Him.

- James 1:17
- Psalm 50:10-12

3. God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

4. God gave the ultimate gift, His very best Gift, when He gave His Son Jesus, on the most important Giving Tree of all time, the Cross of Calvary. – John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 6:23

5. He calls us to give in the same way that He has given to us.