



MESSAGE NOTES

Giving is an Amazing Blessing!

Acts 20:35

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To all of you who have been faithfully giving to the ministry of KBF I want to give a big thank-you! Your giving has made it possible to touch the lives of many here in Kobe, Japan and many parts of the world. Today I encourage everyone to join in and be part of this outpouring of love and blessing.

1. Jesus Teaches Us to Love And Be Givers

Acts 20:35 “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said. **“It is more blessed to give than to receive”**.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

A healthy mature church family is one that is full of cheerful givers and cheerful receivers.

2. God Blesses Us so That We Can Be a Blessing to Others

When God was talking to Abram about creating a nation, the point was always about being a blessing to others.

Genesis 12:2 I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3. When You Give, It Will Be Given to You

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

2 Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Conclusion:

Giving and receiving the love we have been given by a generous God is a natural response of abiding in Him. When we give, we make more room to receive and then give again. God’s abundance can be more fully experienced as we grow in this area of our life.