

2—The Gift of Giving

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INTRO:

I. → **Psalms 41:1-3**

*1 Blessed are those who have regard for the weak;
the Lord **delivers** them in times of trouble.*

*2 The Lord **protects** and **preserves** them—*

*→ they are counted among the **blessed** in the land—
he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.*

*3 The Lord **sustains** them on their sickbed
and **restores** them from their bed of illness.*

II. Heb (*ashrey maskiyl el-dal*)

III. A RECIPROCAL BLESSING

IV. **Matthew 5:7**

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

BODY:

I. **Living by Giving**

*the Lord **delivers** them in times of trouble.*

*2 The Lord **protects** and **preserves** them—*

A. Giving is more than an obligation, it is a life-principle.

1) KARMA—the action and intentions of a person affects
the future in this life and the next

2) **Galatians 6:7-8**

*A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their
flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to
please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap **eternal life**.*

3) THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

- B. Life has a way of giving back more than we put in.
- 1) Three verbs in the Piel—intensification, causation
y'maltehu—malat—help them escape
yish'mareyhu—shamar—guard, protect
y'chayehu—give them life
 - 2) **Ecclesiastes 11:1-2**
*Cast your bread upon the waters,
for after many days you will find it again.
Give portions to seven, yes to eight,
for you do not know what disaster may come upon the
land.*
 - 3) Giving out of Principle
 - 4) **DAD—TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE**

II. Blessed by Blessing

*they are counted among the **blessed** in the **land**—
he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.*

- A. Blessing other always has a way of coming back around.
- 1) **Proverbs 19:17**
*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done.*
 - 2) **DRIVING OUR VAN DOWN TO HONDURAS**
- B. It is impossible to be more of a blessing that God is.
- 1) **2 Corinthians 9:7-8**
*Each of you should give what you have decided in your
heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you
abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that
you need, you will abound in every good work.*
 - 2) **MAKING MISSIONS A PRIORITY**

III. Healed by Helping

*3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed
and restores them from their bed of illness.*

A. One of the best cures is to take our eyes off ourselves.

2) **Luke 14:13-14**

*But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.*

2) **ANIMATED SHORT—THE PRESENT**

B. Every time we go to bless we end up being blessed.

1) **Acts 20:35**

*In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard
work we must help the weak, remembering the words the
Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to
receive."*

2) **TAKING THE BOYS DOWN TO COLUMBIA**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 25:34

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Galatians 2:10

10 All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

Job 29:11-12

11 Whoever heard me spoke well of me,
and those who saw me commended me,
12 because I rescued the poor who cried for help,
and the fatherless who had none to assist them.

Psalms 112:9

9 They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

Deuteronomy 15:7-9

If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

Luke 14:13-14

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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."