**MORE BLESSED TO GIVE**

Acts 20:35 – “I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive”.

One area of struggle amongst believers in their walk with God, is giving. They are willing to give everything but money. Money has become so exalted that many are worshipping it unawares. The Early Church did not dignify money. They sold their possession without coercion and laid the proceed at the Apostles’ feet for distribution (Acts 4:32-37). What grace? Scriptures say none lacked.

Today, giving is preached with much trepidation. Some hardly touch the subject so as not to be misunderstood. Don’t blame them because many gullible believers have been conned and huge sums of money collected from them by those with inordinate appetite whose God is their belly. Yet it is still more blessed to give than to receive.

The receiver is limited by storage capacity. Once his storage is full, he can no longer receive except he either procures another storage facility or starts giving out to make room to receive. The giver on the other hand, has no such limitations because he is a channel for dispensing to those in need.

A giver is more blessed because he is in partnership with God in blessing his world and thus connected to unlimited supply source. He is in regular contact and consultation with God to know who the next in line for blessing is. And that is why God wants all His children to become givers. This accentuates the reason Apostle Paul said “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth” (Eph.4:28). Thieves steal to satisfy their craving. They are forceful receivers but God wants them instead to work and earn legitimately for the purpose of giving (God’s channel of blessing).

Let me close with these thoughts:

* Your giving tells God a whole lot about you.
* Giving helps to regulate your heart.
* If money is not your slave, it will soon become your master.

Think on these things and do have a splendid week ahead.

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