

Lesson IX.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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Luke 6 : 30-38 ; 21 : 1-4. *Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 11-14.

Golden Text—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20 : 35 (Rev. Ver.).



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30 Give to every man that asketh of thee ; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye ? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest : for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged : condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned : forgive, and ye shall be forgiven :

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Ch. 21 : 1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all :

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God : but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Our Golden Text says : "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We like to give to those who give to us, but Jesus tells us we should give to everybody who is in need. We should do to others as we would like them to do to us. This is the Golden Rule which Jesus has given us. He says : "If you love them that love you what credit is that to you for sinners also love those that love them ? If you do good to those that do good to you what credit is that to you for sinners do that also ? If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive,

what credit is that to you for sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again ?"

Jesus' followers should be different. He says, "You should love your enemies and do good and lend, not hoping to receive anything in return and your reward shall be great and you shall be the children of the Highest, for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil." Jesus says you should not find fault with people, and if you forgive others, you shall be forgiven yourself.

You should give kind deeds, kind words and kind thoughts. Jesus promises if we are "givers" we shall also be "getters," but he

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