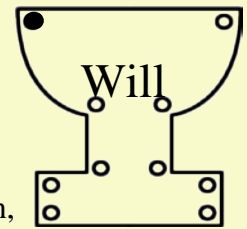


Truly Great Will of God



3.10 Give Generously to Others

Bible Verse: Luke 6:38

Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

Proclaim: *When we give to others, we will surely also receive.*

Truth: God has said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." For our God will meet all our needs in Christ Jesus according to His glorious riches.

Scripture Reference: **2 Corinthians 9: 6-12 ; Malachi 3:8-10**

Lesson: (1) **The principle of sowing and reaping** – *God has set an eternal, unchanging principle: "Give, and it shall be given unto you."*

When we share what we have with others, God will bless us. Testimony: There was once a lady who felt that God wanted her to give the last \$20 in her purse as a love offering. Although she needed that money, she did it. On that day, she received a gift that was a few times more than what she had given. (Luke 6:38)

(2) **God established the principle of tithing** – *The Bible clearly states: God has established for His Church the paying of the Tithe. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,.. and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." This means to return a tenth of our income, which in fact belongs to Him, to God's storehouse, the church.*

Not doing so equals robbing God, but for those who trust and obey God in this, God has promised overflowing blessings, divine protection and assurance. (Malachi 3:8-10)

(3) **A life which does not share** – *The Bible teaches that our money is like seeds - The less we sow, the less we will reap; the more we sow, the more we will reap. We should not live a life that is stingy. (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

(4) **A life which shares generously** – *When we share what we have with those in need, God will consider us trustworthy and entrust us with more. In the Old Testament, God moved events for Joseph to become Egypt's Premier as God knew he would be a good steward and be a blessing to many. (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

(5) **Be like the Nile river** – *For thousands of years, the Nile river has flowed into many places and been a source of provision to countless people. The Dead Sea, on the other hand, is where polluted waters and minerals are trapped, with no outlet. No life can survive there. Let us be like the Nile River, not the Dead Sea.*

Conclusion: We must believe that God is a great God who will bless His people. May we be cheerful givers who become channels of blessings to others.

<u>You Will Need:</u>	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory Verse; Bowl/container; enough rice to more than fill; Picture/Drawing of Nile river & Dead Sea
<u>OBJECT LESSON</u> <u>SHOW & TELL</u>	Pour the rice into the bowl, illustrating the concept of "Overflowing" 1. The Lord is a generous God who has promised to bestow abundant blessings. 2. "Give and it shall be given to you." (Luke 6:38) When we share what we have with others, we will also receive from God.
<u>PRAY</u>	1. Pray that we will become good stewards of money. 2. Make a new resolution by faith in prayer (Eg.- to be generous in giving)