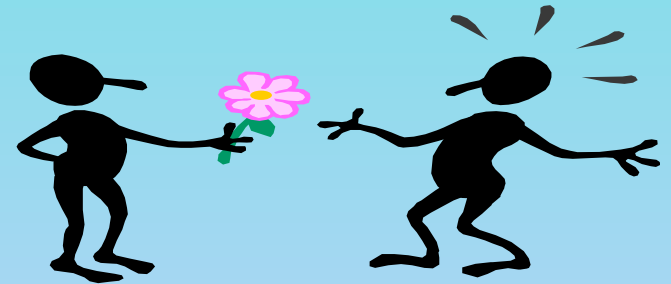




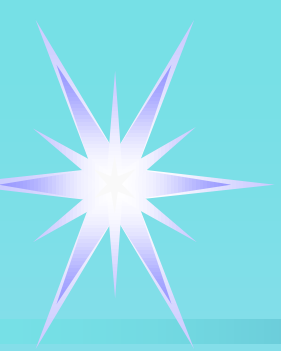
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Are you a *giver*?



Or a taker?





What does the Lord want?

- Acts 20:35 “It is more blessed to **GIVE** . . . than to receive.”
- II Cor 9:7 “God loveth a cheerful **GIVER...**”
- Jn 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he **GAVE** His only begotten son..”

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What About *You*?



- Jesus was a *Giver*!
- What will you and I *choose*?

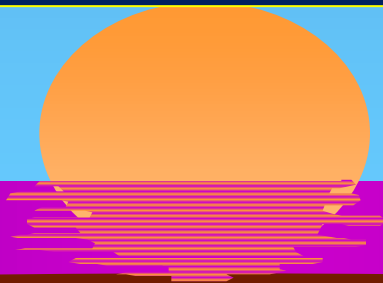
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One More Night with the Frogs!?



Sun. 1/11 5:00 pm





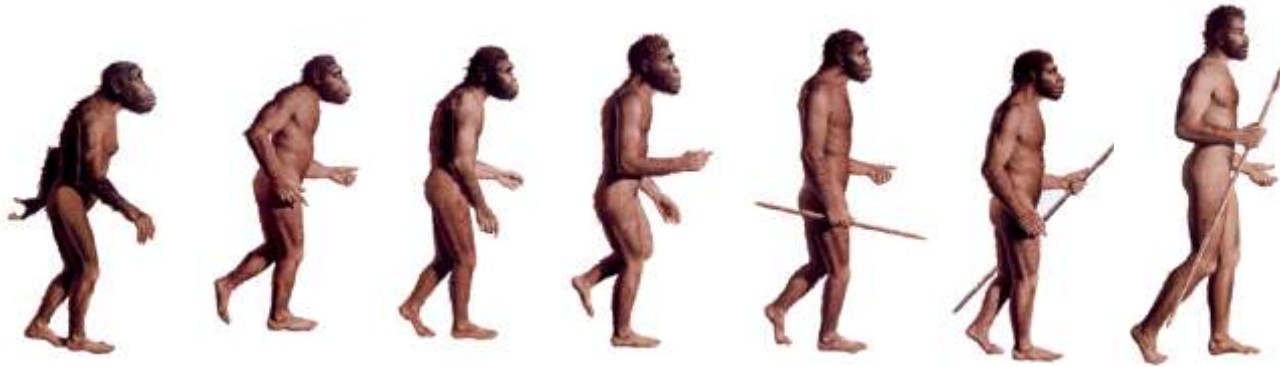
- What it will be like when I walk by your side.
- What my eyes will see when your face is before me.
- Surrounded by glory, what will my heart feel?

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

A New Year's Look At Heaven

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Jan 18

Did Mankind Evolve From Apes?



Dr. Buddy Payne

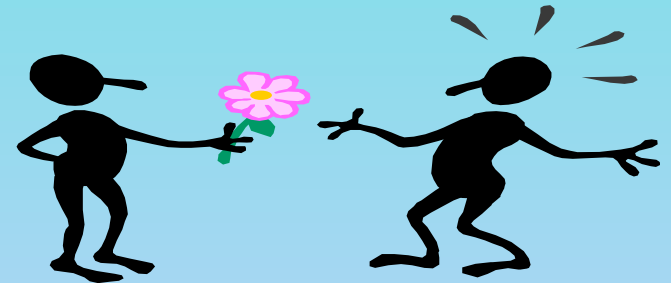
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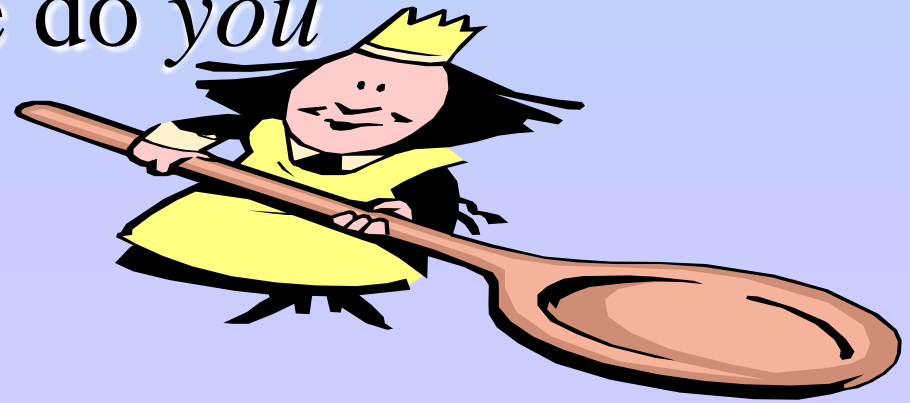


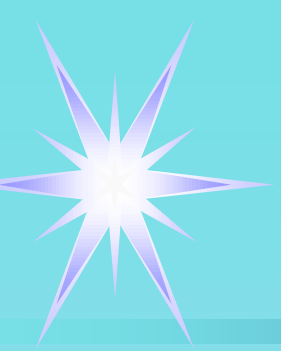


JESUS: Lk 6:38

“Give and it shall be given unto you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over shall the Lord give unto your bosom. With the same measure you give, shall be given unto you again.”

With what measure do you
give?

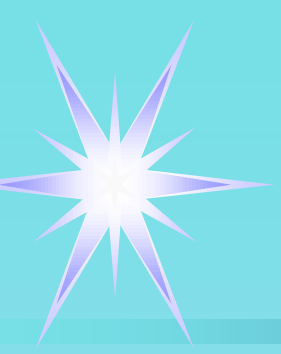




2 Corinthians 8: 7

- “They gave beyond their power of their own accord” (Vs 3)
- “First they gave of their own selves to the Lord ” (Vs 5)

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How to be a Giver?

Who are the most loved people in this church?

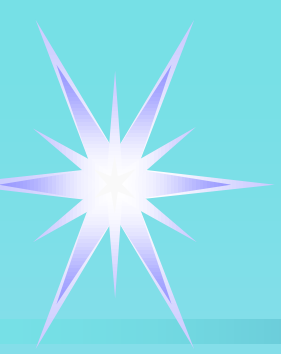


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➤ **THE PEOPLE WHO *SERVE* AND *LOVE* THE MOST!**

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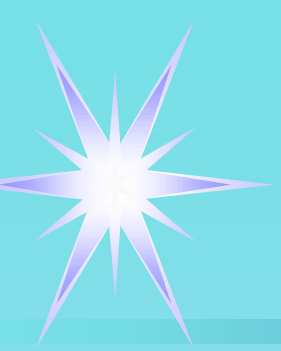


Giving is a Matter of Spiritual Maturity

- We are born...*self-centered*...
- Babies must be **taught** to be *considerate & generous!*



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Lk 16:11

➤ “If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches ?”

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WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

1. Become truly thankful!

➤ Matt 10:18 “Freely received should freely give!”

2. Must have faith to give believing
(Phil 4: 19).

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WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

3. Watch your focus!

- Not what you *get*, but what you can give!
- Giving is the essence of Worship!
- Matt 16:25 “Gain your life by losing it!”

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WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

4. AVOID FAULT FINDING

- Giving and Criticism are *inversely related*.
- *Stop criticizing and be determined to be apart of the solution not the problem!*

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WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

5. FORGET ABOUT “CREDIT.”

- Key: Let other’s get the credit,
God get the glory, *you* get the joy!
- “Wealth’s greatest satisfaction is
seeing it help others while you
are living!”

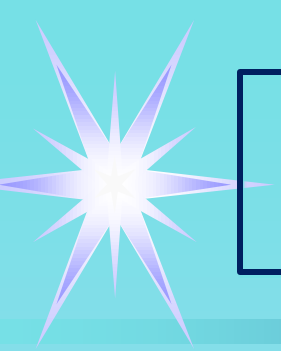
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Giving is a Matter of Faith & Character

- Character = “Doing right on purpose” (Ps 15:4).
- The more religious people are the more likely they are to be benevolent!
 - C - ompassion -- Big brother do it
 - c - ompassion -- *I will do it!*

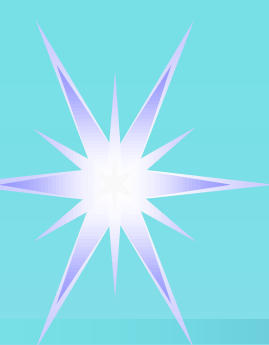
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Barriers To Being Givers

- **Laziness - Eph 4:28**
- **Covetousness - Lk 12:15**
- **Losing Focus – I Cor 16:2**
 - I Chron. 29:14 “All things come of thee.”

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We are *made* for Giving!

(Heb 13:16)



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