

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 12/28/08

“It Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive”

- I. **Topic to be Discussed:** It is more blessed to give - [Acts 20:35](#)

- II. **The Attitude of a Giver**
 - A. A Giver Understands What God Has Given Them
 1. [Romans 14:1](#) - “accept” the weak in faith
 2. [Romans 15:7-9a](#) - because God has accepted us
 3. TEST: How often do you say “thank you”?
 - B. A Giver Values Others
 1. [Romans 14:1-2](#) - “weak in faith” = the more restrictive
 2. [Romans 14:3-4](#) - do not judge / regard with contempt
 3. [Romans 14:10](#) - who do you think you are?
 4. TEST: How often do you pre-judge others? How often are you questioning the motives of others? Do you look for the negative in others instead of the good?
 - C. A Giver Doesn’t Feel the Need to Win
 1. [Romans 14:13-17](#) - What about MY rights?
 2. Note: Why is it more blessed to give?
 - a. Righteousness - it teaches me self-control
 - b. Peace - It breaks down a wall between me/others/God
 - c. Joy - There is NOTHING like making a difference
 3. TEST: List why you are reluctant to help - do the reasons center around not wanting to be without? Does feeling like you are right keep you from giving?
 - D. A Giver Understands the Valuable Things in Life
 1. [Romans 14:17](#) - the kingdom is NOT eating and drinking
 2. [Romans 14:20](#) - good becomes evil when it hurts my brother
 3. TEST: What would be your response to Jesus in [Matthew 19:21](#) - Go, sell everything. Give... follow”???
 - E. A Giver Runs After Others to Help
 1. [Romans 14:19](#) -
 - a. Pursue = run after
 - b. Building up takes effort, planning, thought
 2. [Romans 15:1-3](#) - We’ve come full circle
 - a. What Jesus did to you - YOU do for others
 3. TEST: Answer this: Whose responsibility is it to help others?