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Chapter 10—Discover the Wonder of Giving

“When you discover the wonder of giving,
you will wonder how you lived so long in any other way”
Eric Butterworth

Jesus clearly articulated the divine law: “Give, and it will be given to you.” (Lu 6:38) The divine flow requires but one thing from you: your consent to be a receiving channel. Jesus stressed the need to get into a giving consciousness in order to sustain the flow into your life. He did not mean simply giving money. There are many ways and places to give. The important thing is to stay in a state of conscious giving.

There have been many conversations and arguments about the difference in giving and tithing. Jesus truly taught the Law of Giving and Receiving and tithing can be a way of getting into a giving consciousness, but is not a substitute for a giving attitude. A giving attitude not only includes the monetary gift but the joy of giving of oneself to a greater level of being. This leads to a stronger connection to God and to the world.

Notice, too, that we talk about the Law of Giving and Receiving, not the Law of Receiving and Giving. When we talk about giving to where we are spiritually fed, it implies that we are waiting until we get something before we give. This is not true giving as Eric understood it, but an exchange. Eric talks about giving without expectation of return, since we can't regulate the channel through which God gives. Giving without limiting who/where/how our good comes to us, is a sign of our spiritual maturity.

Kahlil Gibran, in his classic work, *The Prophet*, says: “You give little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.” This is truly stepping into the flow of giving and receiving.

Eric tells us, “Let's hear less of tithing and more of giving. Let us not be deluded by the claims of the 'magic law of tithing.' Tithing is not a law but a technique for fulfilling the law of giving. . . There is no need for magic when one works diligently to keep in the flow of life.”

The Bible says:

"For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." Mt 7:2

"And he said to them, "Take heed what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you." Mr 4:24

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Lu 6:38

Unity says:

"The constant theme is get, get, get, get. Just hold the right thought, and you can get anything you want. And the grossest level of materialism is reached when Truth groups are led in singing prosperity songs in which the refrain affirms, 'money, money, money!' A sad derogation of a beautiful, spiritual process." *Spiritual Economics*, Eric Butterworth

"The economics of God is very simple. We receive justly for all that we give and we must give freely to receive freely. We must keep our good in circulation not only in thought and word but in the realm of action," *Prosperities Ten Commandments*, Georgiana Tree West

"Tithing is based upon a law that cannot fail, and it is the surest way ever found to demonstrate plenty, for it is God's own law of giving." Charles Fillmore

"Faith expands when you give. The more you give the more faith you are going to have." *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity*, Edwene Gaines

"When you think you cannot afford to give is the very time when you cannot afford not to give!" *Secret of Unlimited Prosperity*, Catherine Ponder

Practices

- In your meditation time, use the mantra, "I live to give." Spend time in the silence to see what the message of a freely giving life can be. Be open to walking out of the meditation with a more giving consciousness. And then be active—give.
- Take time with your journal and write about what came up for you in this meditation. Be aware of your body and the signals it sends when you think about giving. Where do you feel it and how does it feel? Seek out the fear in giving and give anyway. Notice how it feels when you move through the fear and afterwards.

- With your prayer triad, talk about how giving has affected your life. Together talk about right where you are. "What do I have to give?" Together, figure out ways to move forward in this giving.