

## Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 85

**“42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.” (Matthew 5:42 KJV)**

We will continue in this message to speak about giving from what Jesus said, **“Give to him that asketh thee”**. Giving is an important Godly act because it has a rescue effect, and can save the people who are in need from troubles. When you give someone who are in need you are saving his life from troubles.

The followings are helpful guidelines:

1. Before we give we need to define and evaluate what they are asking whether need or want. Food, shelter, and dress are needs and we need to attend for such basic things that cannot wait.
2. Is it emergency or something can wait?
3. Some they have projects and dreams and ambitious things and you need to define clearly what is going on. Why you need to define such things? Because many they have their own plans and they are escaping the plan of God that He had ordained for them.
4. Is the person has another way to get that need? Like for example he has a son or daughter or brother, but he is not asking from them. Or is he having land, gold, property or money in other place and he is not using his own resources.
5. Is the person a believer from the family of faith or not? **“9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10 KJV)** A brother in Christ has no one to run but us.
6. Think about your resources, being limited and you need to be a good steward of what you have. You cannot exhaust yourself and your resources to free others. Ask always yourself if you can manage without the amount of the money that you are going to give?
7. When people is asking you is an opportunity for you to teach them the Word of God and start to disciple them and train them in the ways of God and the will of God.
8. Finally we need to give them their needs and not their wants, in accordance to our ability and what the Word of God dictate on us and what the Holy Spirit leading us to do.
9. Always come for advice and counseling when the amount that you need to move is big.

Jesus said, **“13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:13-14 KJV)** Therefore Jesus recommends that if we have resources and want to host a banquet, then we ought to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And of course the crippled, the lame, and the blind will not be able to come to us, so if we want to invite them, then we need to go to them. And when we go to them we need to share with them not only the material things that God has blessed us and that they are in need of it, but above all the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings salvation and gives eternal life to the people.

\* When Jesus addresses **“the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind”**, He is speaking about people who are in distress and facing crisis in the form of chronic sicknesses, joblessness, disabilities due to infirmities, and so on. We need to help such people. Those

people are not in the position to give. We need to give them in order to bring them out of the state of emergency in their lives. \* We need to offer them relief and then after their recovery, they need to be rehabilitated to manage life, and finally, we need to train them and equip them to be fruitful and productive.

\* Somebody you helped and you taught him what to do, he or she suppose to learn from the lesson that he or she pass through. After he or she had received help should help himself and go and work and be fruitful and be productive person. \* A person who was helped repeatedly but made no move to avoid putting himself in need you need to tell him and teach him: **“28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28 KJV)** \* A person who does not work and earn his living he is stealing from others and live on their labor. \* As we help a person we need to teach him that he need to work, labor to earn his living, to spend, to give to God, and to save and keep an amount aside in order to help others who are in emergency and help them as he was helped. \* What I want to say that we need to help the people and not to spoil them by giving them and not disciplining them. As well as you should not allow people to take advantage of your love and help, and keep stealing from you.

**“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.” (Psalm 41:1 KJV)** God calls us to be good stewards of whatever we have received from Him and to direct our resources to serve and minister to those who are in distress to bring them near to God in order to bring relief to them. Such kind of attitude will lead us and enable us to provide services to the community who are around us. God shall bless us for such deeds and will deliver us in times of troubles as we help people in their troubles. God has called us to be a blessing to others. For some kind of situation we may move even without being asked to give, as what the good Samaritan did in **Luke 10** to the victim that he saw on the way while he was traveling, **“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matthew 5:7 KJV)** We will be fruitful and effective for every merciful act of ours to the people in distress whom the Lord had placed around us.

In **Matthew 5:42** Jesus said, **“and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away”**: Now there are people will come and borrow from you; then do not turn away from them with denial or without speaking. But speak with them pleasantly and cheerfully and find out from them the real situation for what they need the money. Lending it means that what the people will borrow then they will return back. The following are the guidelines that we had discussed:

1. Before we lend we need to define and evaluate what they are asking whether need or want. Food, shelter, and dress are needs and we need to attend for such basic things that cannot wait.
2. Is it emergency or something can wait?
3. Some they have projects and dreams and ambitious things and you need to define clearly what is going on. Why you need to define such things? Because many they have their own plans and they are escaping the plan of God that He had ordained for them. When you lend to them then you are encouraging them to do wrong.
4. Is the person has another way to get what he asked to borrow? Like for example he has a son or daughter or brother, but he is not asking from them. Or is he having land, gold, property or money in other place and he is not using his own resources.
5. Is the person a believer from the family of faith or not?

6. Think about your resources, being limited and you need to be a good steward of what you have. You cannot squeeze yourself and your resources to lend to others. Ask always yourself if you can manage without the amount of the money that you are going to lend?
7. When people is asking you is an opportunity for you to teach them the Word of God and start to disciple them and train them in the ways of God and the will of God.
8. Finally we need to lend them their needs and not their wants, in accordance to our ability and what the Word of God dictate on us and what the Holy Spirit leading us to do.
9. Always come for advice and counseling when the amount that you need to lend is big.

One of the blessing of God in our lives is that He will bless us abundantly, that we can and we will be able to lend to others, ***“12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.” (Deuteronomy 28:12)***

The righteous man is blessed by the Lord and one of his character that he is merciful being lending to the people who are in need, ***“25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.” (Psalms 37:25-26 KJV)*** **Lending having a rescue effect, and can save the people who are in need from troubles. When you lend someone who are in need you are saving his life from troubles.** The man who fear God and lend to save people from troubles is moving with love and mercy toward the people and with the fear of God to help people as we read here about the man who fear God, ***“1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. 4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. 5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.” (Psalm 112:1-5 KJV)*** Such man will be more blessed by the Lord, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

In ***Matthew 5:42*** Jesus was speaking to the Jewish people who in the Law of God were asked to lend their brothers without usury and without interest. ***“25 If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.” (Exodus 22:25 KJV)*** ***“37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.” (Leviticus 25:37 KJV)*** ***“19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:” (Deuteronomy 23:19 KJV)*** Therefore, we cannot lend our brothers who are in need with interest or a usury. ***“8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.” (Deuteronomy 15:8 KJV)***

But the Law of God was allowing the Jewish to lend the strangers with interest and usury, ***“20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.” (Deuteronomy 23:20 KJV)***

***“30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.” (Luke 6:30 KJV)*** Here about lending Jesus said, ***“and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again”.*** **What Jesus means here? He does not mean**

**if he had taken that from you without your consent or permission, because that is stealing and the person needed to be treated as thief or a robber. Jesus does not encourage stealing or the habit of taking and not returning. But what Jesus meant here is that when you lend or the person who took from you is not able to pay back or to give you back what he borrowed from you because of some reasonable condition that made him cannot pay or his situation is poor and he cannot pay then in such situation you don't need to ask him as Jesus said, ***“ask them not again.”*** When the circumstances of the borrower are such, that he is so poor and not able to make a return,, then forgive the person for such reason and God shall reward you.**

Let us read a story from the Bible that teaches us to be cautious of what we borrowed and should not little what was borrowed. What the people lend you is to relief you from a trouble and you should not neglect to return back to them, ***“1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. 7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.” (2 Kings 6:1-7 KJV)*** Here in this real story were the sons of the prophets worked to make for them a bigger place of living. They invited Elisha to go along with them and he agreed with their plans and went because it was correct. Every man took a beam to make the new place for their living. Everyone was responsible to contribute for the building for the new place that they were going to prepare for their living and that showed their maturity and their commitment and that they were responsible people. ***“5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.” (2 Kings 6:5 KJV)*** Here the man who lost the axe in the water was terrified because the axe was a borrowed thing and needed to be returned. What is borrowed needed to be returned or compensated, unless it is beyond the ability of the person to return. ***“6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. 7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.” (2 Kings 6:6-7 KJV)*** Elisha did not ignore that the axe is lost in the water and did not say to the person it is fine that you loss it, but Elisha worked to retrieve the borrowed axe from the water and gave it back to the man who lost it.

**What is borrowed need to be returned and we need to teach the people such principles in life because the wicked borrowed and not return, ***“21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.” (Psalm 37:21 KJV)*****

**Also at the end of seven years after you lend and the person is not able to pay you back, then you may release him according to this command, ***“1 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release.” (Deuteronomy 15:1-2 KJV)*** If the person is poor and cannot pay you then forgive him, ask them not again, as Jesus instruct us, and God will reward you and give it back to you.**

But if the person is able to pay and you can see that he has income and resources that he can pay but he is not paying to you, then you need to ask him and remind him to pay. But no need for you to press on him by going into his house, but wait for him to come and give it to you. Grace and mercy need to be practiced whenever is required as the Scripture is teaching us. **“10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. 11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.” (Deuteronomy 24:10-11 KJV)**

**“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.” (Luke 6:35 KJV)** What Jesus means with **“hoping for nothing again”**, must not be understood of not hoping for the money lent to be paid back, for then it would be giving, and not lending; but of not hoping for any usury or interest for lending it. With this Word of Jesus, **“hoping for nothing again”**, we also understand that we cannot lend our money for the non believers with usury or interest.

**My dear and beloved:** Let us now come to the Lord in prayer, committing ourselves to the principle that we learned from today’s message, about giving and lending to the needy brother or to the poor people. Let us humble ourselves in the mighty hand of God, and let us commit ourselves to be willing to do His will. Let us ask God wisdom and discretion of how to do this ministry of God. Let us commit ourselves to abide in the principles that we learned in the message and apply them in our life and in our ministry.

Let us come now to the Lord in prayer and let us heed the Word of Jesus and obey His instruction and apply them in our lives and in the lives of the people that we are reaching out through our ministry. Let us continue to be willing to help those who are poor and needy.

**My prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that explained to me clearly the principles of lending and how to proceed to help the poor and needy and how to decide how to lend and what we need to give to the people who ask for help.*

*Confess and renounce your sins; renounce laziness, non willingness to work hard, taking advantage of others, renounce your non willingness to help, renounce the sin of the usury and taking advantage of the poor that you are lending. Lord forgive me, I confess and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I commit myself to help the following poor people \_\_\_\_\_, and to lend to the following people without interest \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who responded to your Word and complied to do and live according to your will. Lord give them wisdom how to apply the principles that we learned today from your Word to us of how to evaluate those who are in need and to whom they need to help or lend. Lord protect them, provide all their needs, and give them wisdom and discernment how to apply the message in their lives and ministry.*

*Lord bless us as a church and give us wisdom how to use our finances and especially to whom we need to help and to whom of the people we need to rescue from their financial debts and troubles. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize and reach new people, and make new disciples and train more workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus’ name, Amen.*

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