



“The Giving Heart”

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- I. **Luke 6:27-38**
 - A. The Golden Rule (vs. 31)
 1. Why is this so important? Does it really make a difference?
 2. The Golden Rule operates under the authority of the law of sowing and reaping...
 - If you do good, good will return to you
 - If you do bad, bad will return to you
 - B. **Galatians 6:7-10**
 1. When you have a giving heart, you will look for opportunities to be a blessing.
 2. Remember, Jesus said, *“It is more blessed to give than it is to receive.”*
 3. The open hand mentality – Keep your hands open to receive from God and your hands open to give from the blessing that you have received.
 - This is one of the reasons why giving to your local church (tithe) is so important.
 - The tithe is just the beginning (because it is the firstfruits), but your time, your counsel, your encouragement....these are 2nd and 3rd fruits that are important to the lifestyle of giving as well.
- II. Amazing Benefits of the Giving Heart
 - A. **It causes heaven to recognize your name**
 1. **Acts 10:3-4**
 2. **Mark 14:3-9**
 - B. **It keeps hardness and pride away**
 1. **II Corinthians 9:7** – God loves a cheerful giver
 2. Your giving is more than something you do; it is a reflection of the love that God gives to you and a reflection of His love in your life to others. (For God so loved...that he gave...).
 - C. **It causes you to be thankful**
 1. **Colossians 3:15-17**
 2. The more you give, the more thankful you become.