

LIVE TO GIVE

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The Bible says that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Do you believe that? Do you live like that? Do you give like that?

Actions still speak louder than words.

The Bible says that in the last days, "Men shall be lovers of their own selves."

Selfishness is something that we have all battled and will continue to battle, but selfishness is not pleasing to God. When we are more concerned with ourselves than we are with Him and His work and His people and others in need, God is not pleased.

Giving should not just be something that we do; it should be who we are. Our entire lives should be spent giving. We should live to give. Giving of our time. Giving of our talent. Giving of our finances.

Living to give, means that my life consist of much more than just me and my four and no more.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

God loved us enough to give his life for us.

Phil 2:3-8 Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. NLT

His giving changed our lives and He is supposed to be the example that each of us follows. We should give, so that the lives of others can be changed also.

What a difference each of us could make in our world if we would live to give.