



THE REVOLUTION OF GIVING

Luke 6:27-38; 18:28-30

Ezekiel 37:1-6

Acts 10: 1-15

The Context of Revolution:

Making a Change Now

- Revolution:
 - The replacement of one social order in favor of a new system; *a quick [constructive] change*
- “Passion is needed for any great work, and for the revolution, passion and audacity are required in big doses” – Political Revolutionary
- “The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall”.
 - Political Revolutionary
- The Essence of the Christian Revolution: John 3:16

The Revolution:

Embracing a Lifestyle of Giving

- God's Revolutionary approach to gaining Wealth:
Embracing a lifestyle of giving (not just money)
 - *God's View of Wealth: John 10:10;*
 - *Lifestyle of Giving: Luke 6: 27-38*
- Revolution: believing and acting
 - *Revolution in Believing* – Acts 10: 1-16 Peter and Cornelius
 - *Revolution in Acting* - Luke 18:18-23, 28-30: Rich Young Ruler

The Lifestyle of Giving:

Seeking to be Someone Else's Miracle

- **A View of the Early Church** in Acts 4:32-35 – Focusing on the Common Good
- Sha Givens and **I Can Fly**
- Kennedy Odede and **Shining Hope for Communities**
- Realizing My Best Life Now **and Our Best Lives Now:** Inside-Outside Church & Not Waiting for Convenience
- Africa Forward and **Scaling Companies Solving Important Problems**

How to Give as a Lifestyle: **Cheerfully, Intentionally, Expectantly and Wisely**

Giving fundamentally reflects the heart of God and God's essence – Love

- Cheerfully/Joyfully: **The Spirit of Giving** - 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Intentionally: **Love as the Motivation for the Intention** – John 3: 16
- Expectantly: **Understanding God's Economy**: Everyone is an Agent/Producer/Owner – Luke 6:38
- Wisely: **Ask God how you should steward** all that he has entrusted to you: We all something to give – James 1:5-6

The Lifestyle of Giving Revolution: **Changes Everything for The Church and World**

- Why We Need It – **State of Church, our World and the Future of Africa**
 - *Families/Relationship/Communities*
 - *Impact Investing/Sharing Economy/Creative Capitalism*
 - *Africa Come Forth!!*
- Lessons from the US: **Millenials AWOL** – Sam Eaton study [AF]
- Application: Ezekiel 37:1-6 **Mobilizing the Body of Christ**
 - ***Pronoia vs Paranoia*** (*Give and Take – Adam Grant*): *Radical Belief that People are/will Seek your Good*
 - ***5 minute Favor*** (*Give and Take – Adam Grant*): *5 minutes X Day X 1 Week*
 - ***Prayer of Jabez***: *Bless/Enlarge Someone Else and Help Me Not to Cause Pain (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)*

APPENDIX – Scripture Texts (NKJV)

Key Scripture: Luke 6:27-38 (NKJV)

- 27 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
- 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.
- 29 To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.
- 30 Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.
- 31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.
- 32 But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.
- 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
- 34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.
- 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
- 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.
- 37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
- 38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Key Scripture: Luke 18:28-30 (NKJV)

- 28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."
- 29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,
- 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Key Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-6 (NKJV)

- 1 The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.
- 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.
- 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."
- 4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!
- 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.
- 6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." ' "

Key Scripture: Acts 10:1-15 (NKJV)

- 1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,
- 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.
- 3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"
- 4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.
- 5 Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.
- 6 He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do."
- 7 And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually.
- 8 So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.
- 9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.
- 10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance
- 11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.
- 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.
- 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."
- 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."
- 15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."