

# READINGS ON GIVING

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## GIVING AS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

### **Ps. 78:19 they, 20, 25**

- 19 ... they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
- 20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
- 25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

### **Hag. 1:6, 7**

- 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.
- 7 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

### **Matt. 7:7–12**

- 7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
- 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
- 12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

### **Luke 3:2 2nd the, 3, 7, 8 (to 1st ), 9–14**

- 2 ... the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
- 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
- 7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- 8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, ...
- 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

- 11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.
- 12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?
- 13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.
- 14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages.

**Ps. 15:1, 2, 5**

- 1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
- 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
- 5 *He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.*

**Prov. 3:27, 28**

- 27 ¶ Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.
- 28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.



1 Corinthians 13 New International Version

13 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,

**Luke 6:38**

- 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**II Cor. 9:7, 8, 10**

- 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
- 8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:
- 10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

**Deut. 8:7 the, 11, 17, 18**

- ... the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and  
7 depths that spring out of valleys and hills;  
11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his  
judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:  
17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.  
18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth,  
that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

**Ps. 146:5**

- 5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

**Isa. 41:6**

- 6 They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage.

**Ps. 107:15**

- 15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the  
children of men!

**Luke 10:27 Thou**

- 27 ... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy  
strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

**Job 36:24–26 (to 2nd ), 31 2nd he**

- 24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.  
25 Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.  
26 Behold, God *is* great, ...  
31 ... he giveth meat in abundance.

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7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. There is no fear in love.

19 We love because he first loved us

**SH 507:3–6**

3 Spirit duly  
feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line  
of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the father-  
6 hood and motherhood of God.

**SH 467:3–4 The (to 1st .), 7–8**

3 ... The first demand of this Science is, “Thou  
shalt have no other gods before me.”

The second  
is like unto it, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

**SH 205:22**

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law  
of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded;  
24 whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders  
man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one  
God, and leads human thought into opposite channels  
27 where selfishness reigns.

Redemption  
from  
selfishness

**SH 206:15**

15 In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that  
whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with  
the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the  
18 source of supply.

**SH 494:10**

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every  
human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demon-  
12 strated the divine power to heal only for a select number  
or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and  
in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

**SH 79:29–3**

Mind-science teaches that mortals need “not be weary  
30 in well doing.” It dissipates fatigue in doing

Divine  
strength

good. Giving does not impoverish us in the  
service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

1 We have strength in proportion to our apprehension of  
the truth, and our strength is not lessened by giving  
3 utterance to truth.

### **SH 387:19–25 (to all)**

By adhering to the realities of  
eternal existence, — instead of reading disquisitions on  
21 the inconsistent supposition that death comes in obedience  
to the law of life, and that God punishes man for doing  
good, — one cannot suffer as the result of any labor of  
24 love, but grows stronger because of it. It is a law of so-  
called mortal mind, misnamed matter, which causes all ...

### **SH 512:20–21**

Spirit blesses the multiplication of its own pure and  
21 perfect ideas.

### **SH 8:22–24**

If we turn away from the poor, we are  
not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses  
24 the poor.

### **SH 516:16–19 2nd The**

The  
sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the  
18 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the  
flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth.

### **SH 275:6**

6 The starting-point of divine Science is  
that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other  
might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He  
9 is divine Principle.

### **SH 103:15–16**

15 The maximum  
of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all.

**SH 234:4**

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be  
it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family  
6 with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table,  
feeding the hungry and giving living waters to  
the thirsty.

Crumbs of  
comfort

**SH 436:11–12**

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian  
12 service.

**SH 57:22–24**

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even  
though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, en-  
24 larging, purifying, and elevating it.

**SH 135:17**

There is to-day danger of repeating  
18 the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel  
and asking: “Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?”  
What cannot God do?

**SH 142:7**

We  
must seek the undivided garment, the whole Christ, as our  
9 first proof of Christianity, for Christ, Truth, alone can  
furnish us with absolute evidence.

Two claims  
omitted

**SH 300:31**

God is re-  
vealed only in that which reflects Life, Truth, Love, —  
1 yea, which manifests God's attributes and power, even  
as the human likeness thrown upon the mirror, repeats  
3 the color, form, and action of the person in front of the  
mirror.

**SH 331:16**

Everything  
in God's universe expresses Him.

**SH 517:30–31**

30 Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply, — to manifest His power.

**SH 496:5**

You will learn

6 that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.

**SH 113:5–6**

The vital part,  
6 the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love.



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