

Laughter Doeth Good

Pt. 3 - Giving with a Grin

- **One of the greatest forms of joy is found in generosity.**

2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 7 Each of you should give whatever you have decided. You shouldn't be sorry that you gave or feel forced to give, since God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave...

4 Reasons Giving Should Be Done with a Grin

1. Giving opens a portal of blessing.

Luke 6:38, "Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands--all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you."

2. Giving makes deposits into a heavenly account.

1 Timothy 6:17-19, 17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

Matthew 6:20, Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

3. Giving pleases God.

Hebrews 13:16, And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Proverbs 3:9, Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income.

4. Giving puts money in its rightful place.

Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

1 Timothy 6:10, For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

- **Giving with a grin goes beyond money.**

Philippians 2:14-15, 14 Do everything without complaining and arguing, 15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.