

# Outrageous Giving is a Heart Attitude, Not Necessarily an Action

My experience of givers shows that, for those who must be scriptural, they either give all their possessions to the poor, or they suffer endless accusations and mental condemnations because they don't. Both those are fallacies, so we should be mindful that we don't fall into either of those traps.

The Kingdom mindset to giving is to be an outrageous (prodigious<sup>1</sup>) giver. That means our heart is to give over-generously. That's Father's way of doing things – he's not mean and stingy, as we've been led to believe. It's easy for us to have the same attitude as him if we take the step of giving everything we own, and everything we are, to the King. From then on, it's all his money, not ours, so he can do with it whatever he leads us to do. After that, it's never a problem, because he looks after all our needs (if we let him) and he, being restorative, redemptive and prodigious, will restore what we give or make its outcome of no consequence.

Note, that this applies to everything, because we're in the King's service. It applies to:

- Our time
- Our energy
- Our breath
- Our life
- Our possessions
- Our finance
- Our occupation
- Our free time/leisure

Get the message?

Giving of every kind, however, is best done at the King's direction. All we need to do is have the same outrageous giving-heart that he has, and not count the cost. In saying that, there's often something we miss: When he tells (shows) us what to give, we're to do it at that level only. Any less can be selfishness or stingy. Any more can work against what he wants the gift to do for the receiver.

Here's his mind on just that important point:

*“Never expect to receive more than you give. Be who you are in Me, and give as I direct you to give; no more and no less. Stay on the path that I have chosen for you without regret, and be content,” says the Lord.”<sup>2</sup>*

Watchman Nee learnt this lesson – the hard way – when he gave money to a missionary who Father didn't want him to, and he told him so. Father was working with the missionary, training him to rely of Heaven's provision, so Nee's actions worked against Father's plans.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – Where the word 'prodigal' comes from. Meaning: stupendous, colossal, large, etc.

2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Jan. 29, 2024) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2024.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2024.htm)]