

Donna's Devotional

Giving Produces Blessing

Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8b

I am often repulsed as I hear so many talk about being a Christian in order to receive. We have all heard of the prosperity gospel, yet the Scriptures teach our treasure is to be laid up in heaven.

Many people have heard the story of R. G. Letourneau. Letourneau created some of the largest earth moving machines on earth. He became very wealthy; yet, he lived on ten percent of his income and gave ninety percent to Christian work. Few are aware of his humble beginnings. He dropped out of school at age 14. He then worked at some forty odd jobs; broke his neck in a car accident, and lost his first child in infancy.

After all these difficult times one would assume that after achieving financial success, Letourneau would stockpile his wealth for this family and himself. He certainly had worked hard and overcome challenging circumstances and deserved all he earned. R. G. had a different idea of what to do with his success. He said, "I'm just a mechanic that God has blessed, and it seems He wants me to go around telling [others]."

What has God blessed you with that you can share with others? Think in terms of spiritual blessings—not just material blessings. Can you share your faith? The joy He has given you? What about peace and love?

God has given us much and He expects us to freely give to others.