BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: *...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: ***GIVING TO PROSPER***

25TH MAY, 2008

Memory verse - 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.

Lk. 6:38

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We certainly have been enjoying a lot of treasures that deals with us as the agents of prosperity. As agents, we act on objects and subjects. The implication is that we are in a position of control over those objects and subjects (consider Gen. 1:26).

When the bible instructs us to give and in turn confirms that it shall be given unto you (Lk. 6:38), it is actually telling us that we are in a position to determine how much we get by first giving.

Observe that we do not get in return what we gave in the first place that is why it becomes pressed down, shaken together, and running over before men give it back to your bosom (Lk. 6:38).

The bible says 'God so loved the world that he gave…' (Jn. 3:16). So, God gave because he loved the world not because he needed something in return. But in loving and giving to the world, he got back his life that he gave to man in the day that he became (Gen. 2:7). This life would have been lost but when God gave, man gave it back to him.

This is the principle that <u>whenever</u> not <u>whatever</u> you sow you shall reap (Gen. 8:22). This is the sense in which all things are added to the kingdom (Mt. 6:33). So, you want to receive? Just sow a seed.