

“Giving Like God”

Matt. 5:43-48

Introduction

- I. It should go without saying, but people of God should try to behave godly (2 Pet. 1:6; 3:11; 1 Tim. 4:7-8; 6:6).
- II. One of the areas that might need improvement in our lives is learning to give like God gives.

Discussion

- I. God is always the best example (Matt. 5:43-48; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 2:21; John 13:13-17; Eph. 5:1).
 - A. In everything, God always does that which is right (Deut. 32:4; Psm. 19:8; 145:17).
 - B. We should strive always to do that which is right, including in our giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-7).
- II. How does God give (Acts 20:35; John 3:16)?
 - A. God gives every day freely (Matt. 6:11; 7:11).
 - B. God gives “richly” (James 1:5; 1 Tim. 6:17; Acts 14:17; Num. 20:11; Psm. 78:16; 85:12; James 1:17).
 - C. God never quits giving (Phil. 4:19; Heb. 4:15; 2 Pet. 1:3).
- III. What if we do not give like God (1 John 3:13-19)?
 - A. We will be more like the children of the devil than children of God (John 8:44-45).
 - B. What we receive will be proportionate to our giving (Luke 6:38; Gal. 6:6-10).

Conclusion

- I. How is our giving?
- II. Is it really like how God gives, or are we unwilling to sacrifice for One Who has sacrificed so much for us?