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Be Happy - Part 8
Be Generous

Luke 6:38 (NLT) Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

Galatians 6:7 (NLT) You will always harvest what you plant.

God will measure unto us according to the same measure we use for others. This is a powerful motivation for us to be generous with love, forgiveness, and goodness to others. If we want more of those things from God, we should give more of them to others.

--David Guzik

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Philippians 4:19 (NIV) My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

When I am generous I...

1. Earn the _____ of others.

Philippians 4:10 (NLT) How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again.

vs 14 (NLT) You have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

2. _____ what matters most.

Philippians 1:10 (NLT) I want you to understand what really matters.

James 2:8 (NLT) It is good when you obey the royal law as found in the scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

3. _____ more like Jesus.

Philippians 1:11 (NLT) May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation - the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:5 (NIV) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

vs 7 (NIV) he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.

4. _____ in my faith.

Philippians 4:6 (NLT) Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

5. Make God _____.

Philippians 4:18 (NLT) The gifts you sent me...are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

Matthew 25:40 (NLT) The King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me."