

Listening Guide: *Live, Give, Love Generously* #1 of 5
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Romans 13: 8 – 10

What would it look like for you to be Generous in the New Year? – i.e. - *To Live, Give & Love Generously.*

Jesus calls us as His disciples to a lifestyle of 'Giving First.' – see Matthew 10: 8; Luke 6: 38; Acts 20: 35

Today, let's focus on the book of Romans chapter 13, verses 8 – 10; and consider 2 major exhortations to live as Spirit-empowered disciples of Jesus –

1. – Become Free _____ . See Vs.8a

"Do not owe anyone anything" – the exhortation is not forbidding all borrowing, for Jesus teaches **Matthew 5: 42** that debt is permissible. This is a warning of 'unwise debt.'

What is Unwise Indebtedness? - See **Proverbs 22: 7** – i.e. When your indebtedness is not easily paid in an easy manner with your income and you are accumulating interest from creditors.

What is Wise Indebtedness? – i.e. Your income allows you to pay for all your obligations in a timely manner. – See **Proverbs 11: 14**

Why is it important for you to experience financial freedom? – **Matthew 6: 24**

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2. – Become Free to _____, _____, _____.
See Vs. 8b- 10

“Love One Another” – sound familiar – see [John 13: 34-35](#)

Jesus loved us by ‘freely giving’ : *attention, affection, compassion, support, approval, security, appreciation, respect, encouragement, acceptance.*

As you ‘freely receive’ Jesus’ love, ‘freely give’ to your near ones.

See – [Matthew 22: 37 – 40](#) & [Romans 5: 5](#)

Working the Word Challenges –

- **Read the Word daily** using the *LIVE, GIVE, LOVE DEVOTIONAL GUIDE* prepared by Pastor Michael. You can find it [HERE](#).
- **Discuss** with a Partner *insights and challenges from today’s sermon*. What would it look like to become a disciple who ‘gives first?’
- **Sign up for FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY this semester**, either online or in-person. You can find the offerings & sign ups [HERE](#).

Key – Freedom/ Live, Give, Love