

# **“Under the Windows” Sermon Series**

Sunday, October 8, 2023 @ 10:30am

## **Character Discovered from the Stewardship of Life**

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...test Me now in this,” says the Lord of host, “and see if I will no open the windows of heaven for you and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.” – Malachi 3:10

Giving more! A story of Life, Love and Lordship. Giving more than expected guarantees more than expected. Genesis 24:12-15, 19 (NIV)

**What motivates a person to be a giver?** ...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” – Acts 20:35 (NASB)

1. Passion
2. Affiliation
3. Tradition
4. Inspiration
5. Obligation
6. Invitation
7. Transformation

What principles of giving from the life of Rebekah? ...Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful. Genesis 24:21

1. You can't be generous and legalistic at the same time.  
2 Corinthians 8:7...But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.
2. You can't walk the second mile until you walk the first mile.  
Matthew 5:41...Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.
3. Extra blessings are the result of extra effort.  
Luke 6:38... Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

## **When we give generously...**

- 1.** We receive more than we ever thought possible.  
Genesis 24:53a... The servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah...
- 2.** The generosity blesses those close to the giver.  
Genesis 24:53b... he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.
- 3.** It gives clear testimony of a God-thing in my life.  
Genesis 24:50... Then Laban and Bethuel replied, "The matter comes from the LORD; so we cannot speak to you bad or good."
- 4.** The impact of our generosity will outline us.  
Genesis 24:60... They blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, Become thousands of ten thousands, And may your descendants possess The gate of those who hate them."

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