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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
– Acts 20:35 (NLT)

“Givers and Takers”

Givers are...

People who Yield

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Embrace true humility, and **lift your heads to extend love to others.** – Philippians 2:3 (ESV, Voice)

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank...and God gave Daniel favor. Daniel 1:8–9 (ESV)

People full of Compassion

You shall be richly rewarded, for when I was hungry, you fed Me. And when I was thirsty, you gave Me something to drink. I was **alone as a stranger**, and you

welcomed Me into your homes and into your lives. I was naked, and you gave Me clothes to wear; I was sick, and you tended to **My needs**; I was in prison, and you comforted Me. They replied “Master, when did we do these things?” I tell you this: whenever you saw a brother or sister hungry or cold, **whatever you did to the least of these, so you did to Me.** – Matthew 25:35–40 (Voice)

Better to keep God’s law without rituals and church, then to break them as a Christian. Don’t you see it is not the religious qualifications that make you a Christian; you became a Christian by who you are. It is the mark of God on your heart and the overflow of the Spirit in your life that makes you a Christian, not how religious or dedicated you are. – Romans 2:25–29 (WHV)

People who are Content with what they have

So if we have enough food and clothing, **let us be content.** But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that **plunge them into ruin and destruction.** – 1 Timothy 6:8–9 (NLT)

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could **gain Christ.** – Philippians 3:8 (NLT)