

TREASURE QUEST

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE HEART

The Real Purpose... Touching Lives

If you received a gift in the mail from God, what would the return address say? I would bet that it wouldn't have a "heavenly" address. No, it would most likely come from another person that God is using. It is absolutely amazing how God gives to us through each other. Whether it be wisdom, encouragement, love, or even financial resources, He sends it through people. In doing so, He weaves us together into bonded community.

As we search for God's treasure for our lives, we can come to one very real conclusion- God's treasure for our lives isn't usually meant for *our* lives. He blesses us in order that we might be a blessing. He pours out His gifts to us so that we might pour them into others. God's gifts are like constantly flowing water. Those who close their hands to hold onto God's blessing find that they close themselves from receiving more and can't even hold on to what they have received. Yet, those whose hands are open to others are constantly being filled and can themselves drink deeply from the blessings of God.

God desires for us to touch the lives of others. Our giving to His work not only fulfills that desire, but opens our hands for His continuous flow of blessings.

Questions to Think About

- Can you think of something in your life that the tighter you tried to hold on to it the more it slipped away?
- How has someone else's generosity blessed your life?
- What is a tangible way that you could open your hands to God and others this week?

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⁶ Remember this -- a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2CORINTHIANS 9.6-8