

TREASURE QUEST

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE HEART

Following God's Map

We often refer to the "plan" God has for our life. This plan can sometimes seem mysterious as we walk by faith. However there is one aspect of his plan where God **maps** out a clear direction for us to follow: giving. There is no question as to his intent for us as believers. He plainly states there is reward in giving, reward that is far greater than the gifts we offer the Heavenly Father. In another well-known passage (Malachi 3:10) God says "Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." God has said that he multiplies what he gives (physically, spiritually, financially, etc.) to us according to what we have given back to him. Many times when we are stressed about the material needs of life and feel like we don't have enough, it is because we have taken faith, and faithfulness to God, out of the picture. You can be sure that you will only find your treasure through giving back to God.

- * What map are you following in your quest for life's treasure?
- * How does scripture describe the relationship between giving to God and blessings from God?
- * How have you seen this relationship play out in your own life?
- * What one thing will you change today in order to adjust your course in your personal quest?



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38