

Leaflet 4: JESUS GIVES US BLESSINGS TO ENJOY AND TO SHARE.



What does Jesus teach us about food, houses and money?

In Luke 18:18-24, the rich man asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus affirmed how important it is to store treasures in heaven, not on earth. The man went away sad. Jesus said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!"

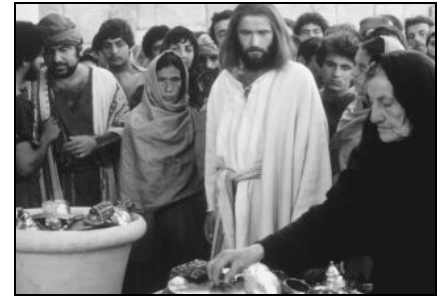
Read **John** chapter 4, verses 27-34.



He noticed when the crowd was hungry, and He gave food to everyone.

From **Luke 9:10-17**: The disciples said, "Send the crowd away so they can go...and find food." [Jesus] replied, "You give them something to eat." They protested about not having food. So He responded, "taking the five loaves and two fish...He gave thanks... and they all ate."

From **John** also read 6: 1-14.



He saw the poor widow give her offering and praised her for it.

In **Luke 20:25** and **21:1-4**, Jesus said "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". Jesus later saw a poor widow put all she had in the temple offering and said, "This poor widow has put in more than all the others."

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TO SING

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin In Jesus' name;
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name, I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

He said,

"Freely, freely, you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in My name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows
you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged,
thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings-
name them one by one-
And it will surprise you
what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings; name them one
by one. Count your blessings; see
what God hath done. Count your
blessings; name them one by one.
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TO MEMORIZE

Here is a verse from the letter that
James wrote to fellow Christians.

**Every good
and perfect
gift is from
above, coming
down from
the Father.
James 1:17**

ALSO FROM THE BIBLE

Who was James?

There are two men named "James" who knew Jesus. One was the disciple James, who was the brother of John. The other was James, the brother of Jesus, a leader of the church in Jerusalem (Acs 15:13) and the author of the book of James in the Bible. In James 2, verses 1-7 and 15-17, James wrote about the poor. Here we read that God Himself has a special blessing for the poor and that Christians show our love to the Lord Jesus by helping the poor in practical ways.

Why do Christians give money or other offerings during church services?

We bring gifts to God's house in gratitude and love to Him, since He gave Himself for us.

Why should Christians share?

Because sharing shows that we love God and others.