

SERMON NOTES SERIES
PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY NOTES

*Eight Keys To
Great Rewards*



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

EIGHT KEYS TO GREAT REWARDS

Matthew 11:15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

1. Anytime Jesus wanted to call attention to what He was saying, He would use this statement.
2. This verse tells us that sometimes we think we already know what a person is going to say so we hear, but don't really listen.
 - a. Hearing means that you heard the sound of my voice.
 - b. Listening means that you understood the content to what the sound was making.
 - c. This is why a lot of people do not remember a message after they have been out of church for a couple of hours.
3. I am going to cover a Scripture that you have heard thousands of times and probably feel very confident that you already have it down pat and that there is nothing new that could possibly be added to it.
 - a. But if you will hear what the Lord is saying and listen to what the Holy Spirit is trying to make clear, you will begin to see quicker results.

Luke 6:38 **Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**

4. Here is the dividing line to those of you who will just hear me, the sound that my voice is making and those who will listen, get understanding, initiate application and get results.
5. See, as a pastor, I have often heard people say, “I have given and given over the years, but I have seen very little in return, why is that?”
6. There have been dedicated tithers, sowers and givers who have struggled with little or no harvest in return to their giving.
 - a. And it has left them wondering if this verse of Scripture is really true.
 - b. Why does there seem to be little to no return when people act on this Scripture?
7. The answer is simple, we have a tendency to take a truth and make it the truth.
8. Let’s look at the Scriptures so we can get *turbo returns* on the seeds you have sown so far.

- a. Let’s look at this verse *contextually* so we can get results.
 - b. Verse 38 is only a part of what Jesus was saying, but that is the verse everybody quotes without meeting the condition to that promise.
 - c. What are the conditions that need to be met to have men give unto my bosom; Good measure, pressed down and shaken together
9. In Luke chapter 6, Jesus is talking about how we should treat others, our behaviors and attitudes regarding people.
- a. He begins to put it in a nutshell beginning in verse 35.

Luke 6:35 **But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.**

10. There are several ways we can run with this Scripture, but let’s pull on **your reward shall be great.**

Reward - Gk - *misthos* - pay for your services, wages.

11. Nothing in verse 35 indicates doing any kind of physical labor for a salary. But it does show us attitudes and behaviors that if we show to others, God will reward you for doing so.

#1 LOVE YOUR ENEMIES _____

12. The first thing He will reward you for, or make sure you get compensated for is loving your enemies.
13. Loving friends is usually easy. But loving our enemies takes a great deal of sacrifice and faith.
14. This is the true love of Jesus. He loved His enemies so much that He died for them.
 - a. If Jesus so loved the world and we have His Spirit living inside us, we can love our enemies too.
 - b. That's one of the reasons that we have the Holy Spirit in us, to shed the love of God from our hearts toward others.

FINANCIAL BLOCKER #1: REFUSING TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good,

#2 DO GOOD _____

Good - Gk - *agathopoieo* - to be a well doer as a favor or out of duty.

15. This is talking about allowing yourself to be at the control of the Holy Spirit. Doing things when you

don't feel like it or when you think the other people are undeserving of your gifts, finances or services.

FINANCIAL BLOCKER #2: REFUSING TO DO GOOD FOR OTHERS

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend,

#3 LENDING _____

16. How many times have you lent something and they have never given it back?
 - a. Forget it.
 - b. Forgive them.
17. God will take care of you and His return is far greater than the few dollars or possessions they owe you.

FINANCIAL BLOCKER #3: REFUSING TO LEND.

18. Now, all three of these have a common requirement.

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again

#4 HOPING FOR NOTHING AGAIN _____

19. This means don't expect anything in return...from people.
20. When you choose to love your enemies, hope for nothing again. That means more than likely your enemies are not going to respond the way you would like for them too.
21. When you do good, don't expect people to do cart wheels, jump up and down and say thank you, thank you, thank you.
 - a. Their reaction to your generosity may let you down or feel used.
22. When you lend, almost never expect to have your property returned the way you lent it out.
23. Hope nothing again. It's an inner decision that you have to make. If not, your preconceived ideas may give you a grudge or a disappointment that hinders your ability to receive.

**FINANCIAL BLOCKER #4: H I G H
EXPECTATIONS
FROM PEOPLE**

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great,

24. When you incorporate these four keys into your life, then God says He will reward you with a great reward.
 - a. Remember, that was translated as being in a position to be compensated for what others would normally consider a loss or not worth the effort.

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest:

25. Notice also that this will cause you to be recognized as the children of God. How?

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

26. You will be recognized as the children of God because when you do these commands, you are a representation of who He is because **he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.**
27. See, your enemies may be unthankful or evil, who you do good to may be unthankful or evil, who you lend to may be unthankful or evil. So, since you represent Him, He will give you great reward.

a. But wait, there's more.

Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

#5. BE MERCIFUL _____

28. Grace is God's attitude to those in trouble, mercy is His attitude to those that are rebellious.

29. People will rebel against you. Instead of rising up with a critical attitude, be merciful to those who have spitefully used you.

30. When you extend mercy, you free yourself from the power that yesterday tried to take you down with.

Proverbs 25:21-22 (NLT) [21] If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink. [22] You will heap burning coals on their heads, and the Lord will reward you.

31. Treat those who have hurt you with mercy and you will fulfill **Proverbs 25:22** by heaping coals of fire on your enemy's head.

32. Those coals are the fire of conviction that will touch their lives when they see your attitude of forgiveness.

a. And God will reward you greatly.

FINANCIAL BLOCKER #5: B E I N G CRITICAL, NOT B E I N G MERCIFUL

Luke 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

33. Here we see three more keys to great rewards.

#6 JUDGE NOT _____

34. There are two kinds of judgement. *One*, like in the Scriptures to identify and right wrong behaviors in hopes of helping that person out.

35. *Second*, to judge others in order to belittle, embarrass or condemn in order to feel superior, more spiritual and leaving that person feeling guilty without hope of restoration.

FINANCIAL BLOCKER #6: JUDGMENTAL ATTITUDE THAT HURTS INSTEAD OF HEALS

#7 CONDEMN NOT _____

- 36. There are two types of condemnation. *First*, a condemnation that pricks the heart and causes a person to repent for their behaviors and attitudes.
- 37. The *second* is a condemnation that leaves one feeling guilty, singled out and rejected with no recourse of repentance or righting and wrongs.
- 38. Condemning others because they do not meet your expectations of how they should be walking with the Lord is the height of hypocrisy.

**FINANCIAL BLOCKER #7: AN UNMOVING,
C R I T I C A L
ATTITUDE**

- 39. A critical heart never hurts the person you are angry with; it can only hurt you.

#8. FORGIVE _____

- 40. Forgiveness frees you from the words and behaviors that try to enslave you by rehearsing the pain instead of the promise.
- 41. Forgive them and then act like they are forgiven. Forgive as you would want to be forgiven.
- 42. Did you notice in order to judge not, condemn not and forgive, all have something in common as well?

- 43. With all three, your mouth and your heart are connected in these commands.
- 44. When you do these things, great will be your reward.
 - a. This goes especially for married couples.
 - b. Especially if they have changed over the years from being the person you fell in love with to being the person who really gets on your nerves now.

Luke 6:38 **Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**

- 45. Once your heart and mouth are in order, then Jesus concludes with giving, sowing seed.
- 46. He will cause men to sow unto your bosom. Why?
- 47. Because you have been sowing into the bosom of others by loving your enemies, doing good, lending, hoping not again, being merciful, judging not, condemning not, and forgiving.
- 48. Then when you sow physically or financially, God will reward you greatly by causing others to sow unto your bosom.

49. So what is God's plan for financial prosperity?
"Love your enemies, do good, lend, don't expect from men, be merciful, judge not, condemn not, forgive...give and it will be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom."
50. So now you should begin to see a greater return on your sowing!
51. Where there is order, there is glory!

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