The Giving Series - Week 2

Welcome to the Giving Series.

Last week we learnt about the Greatest Gift.

This week we will be learning about how, “Giving Gives Back.”

There are different types of shoes today in our lives. Shoes for sports, shoes for school, shoes for winter, shoes for the office, shoes for running, shoes for gardening, there are shoes for every occasion. Flat shoes, hills, boots, sneakers and whichever another make of shoe you may think of. Shoes are very important, and they make walking in all seasons bearable and help us to stand firm. Today we going to focus on spiritual shoes fit for a spiritual warfare.

Question: what did god get back from giving us Jesus?

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you,” (Luke 6:38).

Apostle Paul is making it clear that we are in warfare with spiritual beings, the devil and the demons are your enemies and they’ll do everything in their power to destroy your faith and your life. They want to steal everything great that God has created you for. And God says that I am not going to let the devil win, I will give you the full armour for the battle.

Giving is not a rule or law but giving is a principle and an opportunity for God to bless us and answer prayers to those we give to.

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done, (Proverbs 19:17).

God doesn’t want us to chill and start preparing when the enemy attacks. He is employing us to prepare ourselves for the battle. In fact, God wants us to grow in our faith through the word of God, so that no matter how hot or slippery the battle ground may be, we will have our feet fitted in the readiness of the battle to protect our peace. Because if the devil can steal our peace, then we can never stand firm against him. Because anxiety and depression will create a stronghold of a lie into your life and replace all the truth of God.

God has called us to be the light of the world. And when we join our value systems to his with our money, We are directly: Feeding the poor, bringing hope, giving shelter, sending out minister to bring men to Christ (salvation) and restoring families

The Roman battle sandal was superior to that of any other army. It was high technology of its day. It consisted of two basic parts. The first was the part that covered the foot itself. The sole of the shoe was very thick and fitted with spikes or nails to increase traction. The thickness of the sole provided protection from the traps set by the enemy.

Why should we give?

1. Giving is a mark of obedience
	1. "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made," (1 Corinthians 16:2).
	2. The enemy wants to steal our peace and replace is with anxiety, depression, anger, and anything that will suppress our peace and eventually kill our faith. We live is a world were mental illness is a big issue at the moment, because the devil is at war. We need the full amour of God to stand firm against any and all the strategies of the devil.
2. it enables God to pour out His blessing in response.
	1. "Give, and it will be given to you," said Jesus. "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).
	2. John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**5**And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. The Word of God, which John translates as Jesus is the only thing that will make you stand firm when the devil attacks you. (The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus came and died for our sins and that whoever believes in him alone will not perish)

The third reason to give is that the Good News of the Gospel--the same message which you one day heard--may be heard by others around the world.

In our world today are almost 3 billion people who have never heard an adequate presentation of the Gospel which would allow them to trust Christ as Lord. Do they not have the right to hear just as you once heard?

Shoes of the Gospel of Peace help us live as peace with everyone. Peace is one of the most vital amours that happens to be one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Which in my opinion when you have peace you may stand against everything without any blemish?

Question: what will you do or believe differently based on what you have learned today?

Declaration: whatever it takes, lord, decrease the hold that unbelieving fear has over me and increase my boldness to declare the gospel to everyone you send me to give to this week and teach me to be obedient when you ask me to give.

Daily Devotions: If you’re on the WhatsApp group, you’ll receive daily devotions every day.

Next Sunday we will discuss the topic, “The Giving Habit.”