

Giver Part 1 – Romans 12 Challenge by Harvesting Nations Ministries, South Africa.

1. I greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today I am going to minister to the GIVER portion of your human spirit past, present and future. The purpose of this prayer and time of reflection is to identify where the GIVER portion of your human spirit is, what happened to GIVER, where do we need to ask for forgiveness or give forgiveness, and where do we need to change the way, we think regarding GIVING? The bible says as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov 23v7).
2. Let us begin. [Please say your name](#) I call your human spirit forward to listen and respond to this prayer. Romans 12 v 6-8 refers to the PROPHET, SERVANT, TEACHER, EXHORTER, GIVER, RULER AND MERCY gifts. These align with our human spirit in which all 7 of these are to be in operation to varying degrees, plus others. I speak today to any gatekeepers that have your senses in captivity, preventing you from hearing what is being said, and seeing what God wants to show you - to be bound up in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach, The Lord Jesus Christ. I speak to the wind in the 4 corners to blow the voice of the enemy away from your ears and any voices opposing these truths inside of you to be silenced and shut up.
3. I speak to any evil spirits, infirmities, demons, unclean spirits, lying spirits, familiar spirits and ruling spirits operating in your gates prohibiting these words and this healing to be bound in Jesus name.
4. Any gatekeepers where parts are being held in captivity are to be bound so that the release from captivity orchestrated by the angelic army, and led by the Captain of the Hosts Jesus Christ, can take place.
5. I speak to the GIVER Portion of your Human spirit to be released from captivity in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach, The Lord Jesus Christ who died, rose again and is seated in heavenly places, of which we are Sons of God, joint heirs – seated with Him.
6. I declare that every legal right the enemy has will be exposed, and the Lord will show you the strategy for full restoration and the journey you must take for this to be fulfilled. Please note this takes time, hard work, patience to restore lost generations. It took hundreds of years of iniquity, sins of the forefathers/ancestors to get your family in such bondage, so bit by bit each layer will need to be removed till we get to the roots and pull them out. We need to allow the Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing and then those empty places need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
7. GIVER, we need to continue this journey until all your human spirit, soul and body has been restored to its original design. I speak to the wind under the enemies control, you will not blow my words away, but the wind of the Holy Spirit will carry these words safely to the GIVER portions of this person hearing me now, those on their prayer list, and those on this challenge past, present and future – wherever these parts may be. I declare that the angel armies be equipped to accompany these words and bring release from captivity, bring healing, deliverance, and breakthrough in your lives.

8. Giver you like to contribute time, effort, resources, money, gifts and skills towards a tangible need. You are able to identify needs and render services or ensure services are rendered. Your motivation to give is pure.

CHEERFUL

9. 2 Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
10. I remember the story of John Paul Jackson who was called into ministry by Ruth Heflin. She was told by the Lord to go to the airport where money would be given to her to take a flight to a radio station where for 3 days, she would be given airtime and was to call a young man out of corporate into ministry. She went to the airport as directed by the Lord and waited for someone to give her the money for her plane ticket. A man walked up to her, verified that it was indeed her that needed the money and threw the money at her and left in a huff and a puff. Little did this man know, that because of his obedience, he was about to impact many people through the life of John Paul Jackson. He had to release the money for Ruth to get the airplane ticket.
11. Yes, it can be hard to part with money. Hard earned money, money you were saving for a special wedding anniversary, money for a car. The good news was that the man was obedient. It was just a pity that his attitude was not cheerful. Yes, he would have been blessed for his obedience, but how much more if he had done it with a cheerful heart. It is very hard to obey cheerfully. We need God's grace to obey. The Giver portion in you finds great joy in giving. The challenge you have is when the rest of you fights Giver and overrides that portion of generosity that God placed with you.
12. Let us reflect on this. Think about the times when God asked you to give and you didn't give, or you gave begrudgingly? Where do you need to ask God for forgiveness and take a moment to pause the music I will play now, till you have gone through all the memories. Remember you don't want to rush this because it is where you need the Holy Spirit to bring things to your remembrance, then the enemy will lose its legal right against you and your seed. We can see this with the Centurion that his Giving was used as a motivation factor to receive a visit from the Apostle Peter. Who does God want to bring across your path to meet, who will open doors for you and release the blessings of God into your life?
13. Acts 10 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who **gave alms generously** to the people, and prayed to God always. 3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" 4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, Lord?" So, he said to him, **"Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God."**
14. Giver, may you give from a heart of love, so that you and your future generations can reap the profits. 1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love is a key ingredient to giving and doing it with a good attitude.
15. **Let us take 3 minutes** and pause for more time to reflect on this section.

HURT BY GIVING

16. Dan Duval tells a testimony of how he gave someone money to invest in good works, only to find out that the man never used the money for what he said and instead went on holiday. Dan lost a lot of money that he had worked so hard to save for and got into debt as a result. This could have deterred him to never want to give again, and maybe it did for a season, but then reason kicks in and one gives again. Has this happened to you, did you get over it and learn to give again?
17. I remember visiting a country where they showed how foreigners were shown pictures of how their money was used in the orphanage. But that same photo was sent to many people, thereby cheating them as not all the money went to that initiative. Should we give to orphanages in that country, absolutely? Should we give back to that organization, absolutely no.
18. Sometimes we take negative experiences into other situations. This can happen in churches, where you see them spend money on things you think is a waste, and then you say I am not going to give my money there because of 1, 2, 3. Yet you go there week after week, and you consider that church your home. If you are not giving, then who is paying the Pastors salary, the water and lights bills, the petrol?
19. Matthew 10:41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."
20. So, you see Giver, when you give to your church, to God's work there are rewards and blessings. If you question how the money is spent, you can state where you want your money to be used. They will then use your money to pay for the utilities and others money for the other things. When we honor the work that God is doing, He will bless, and if the blessings are not coming to you – then you need to get to the root of what legal rights are there preventing your blessings.
21. Let us reflect on negative attitudes towards giving and get to the root of the pain or experiences associated with this. Sometimes our giving is linked to how we were raised and the way our parents give or don't give, and we follow the same pattern or avoid it because of what happened to them.
22. Have you borrowed something to someone, and they never returned it? Or you borrowed someone, and they disappeared with your money or things never to return your calls. Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.
23. My mother was telling me a story of how she had ordered shoes and for one year the man never gave it to her. She loves shoes and gets a lot of compliments on her shoes. She could feel inside of her that she was starting to get upset, bitter, resentful and needed to do something about this. So, she called the shop owner to meet her at her office and said that she had a plan about the money he owed her. When they met, she told him her plan was to forgive him and write it off. He started weeping at this news. She found relief and peace and today she still visits his shop, but this time she pays after she gets her things.
24. Giver, have you been hurt through giving? Is your experience positive or negative? It is important to pay attention to your emotions and ask God what happened to cause you to behave opposite to what scripture says about giving. **Let us take 5 minutes**, with your pen and paper jot down all the times you gave, and you were disappointed. **Repeat after me Holy Spirit, please bring to my remembrance where I gave with a bad attitude, never gave when you told me, or gave and was disappointed. I bring you these memories and ask for**

forgiveness. I also choose to forgive those who did this to me and ask you to heal my disappointment.

GENEROUSITY

25. A Giver understands the need to give and gives abundantly and though there might be fear, in due time the fear subsides as they see the hand of God intervene. They give when it is all they have. They are sensitive to the needs of other people, and they have joy regarding giving. They understand Proverbs 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.
26. Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a **thousand generations**. Giver, when you give – think about your future generations blessing that you are contributing to. God will hold into account your giving when you stand before Him. Luke 12:48 ... For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.
27. The Giver is the opposite of Greedy or Covetous. Proverbs 21:26 He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare. The Giver understands the importance of Giving and how hard it can be for people. Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” This man wanted to follow Jesus, but the things of this world had a greater hold on him, and this is what Jesus was highlighting here. Examine your heart, what has a hold on you, that would prevent you from 100% obedience to God when asks?

WILLING HEART

28. God, it is looking for those who are willing to give. He is not looking first to see if you have before He asks. He is looking first to see if you are willing. God is able to ask you to give even when you think you don't have anything to give. Giving is a big challenge for many of us. 2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.
29. The Giver has experienced that when he gives continually, out of a lifestyle that God gives him more seed to sow *“One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.”* — Proverbs 11:24
30. Giver, God wants us to give and be willing to never see what we give again. Luke 6:30 Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back.
31. Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. How do we delight ourselves in the Lord – when He is our first priority, our first love and we learn to trust him with everything?

WITHHOLDING

32. Giver, did you know it is a sin to withhold money from people when you have the money with you. God expects you to pay peoples wages when they are due and not withhold them and only pay the next day or use their wages to pay another bill you have and make them

wait. Have you done this before? Remember all these points become legal rights for the enemy to request your blessings to be withheld. Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.

MOTIVES

33. Giver, it is important to take time regularly to examine your motives for giving.
 - a. Do you give because you want something in return?
 - b. How much influence do people have over your giving i.e., time, resources, energy to serve?
 - c. Do people always tell you what to do, where to go, and what to give?
 - d. What is the root cause for this behaviour?
 - e. Take time to ask God why am I like this?
 - f. Is there anyone in my family like this?
34. What is your motive behind buying people presents? Do you buy people things for their birthday so that they can buy for your birthday and then you feel special cause you getting all these presents? Do you feel upset when someone didn't remember your birthday, didn't send you a text, didn't buy you something or sing happy birthday when you did this for their birthday? How do you feel when you are forgotten by the people that you gave things to and what is your response?
35. When you do things only to get something in return then you already have your reward and there isn't anything waiting for you in heaven. Luke 6v34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, **hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great**, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
36. It is easy to fall into the desire for power that financial blessings render. When people know you are a giver, they flock to you for friendship, and you have to weed through the genuine people and those with ulterior motives. Proverbs 19:4 Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend. Are there people in your life that are only there because of what you can give them? What can you do for them? Because of your reputation.
37. Do you give so that you can get people to do what you want them to do?
38. When you are paying for a meal do you decide where to eat and not let others choose, because you are paying? Do you make important decisions because you are the one paying for things, but you are not the head of their household? Remember the head according to God's design is the father, then the mother – regardless of whether they work or not, or how much they earn.
39. It is very easy to feel because you have a job and earn money or earn more money that you have a greater right over people and deserve a high degree of decision-making power. Because you have money it is easy to want to look down on people, feel that you are better than them, more intelligent, more superior.
40. Or do you belittle and think I'll of people as they are not good stewards with money and so you criticise them and fall into self-righteousness? Before you say no, you need to take time to ponder this, because the devil blinds you from seeing truth, but God exposes things with His still small voice.
41. Do you pay your tithes into your church?
 - a. If you don't go to church, where are you volunteering?
 - b. Where are people making a difference linked to your passion?
 - c. Where is the Lord telling you to give?

- d. Do you give and then feel you have the right to tell the Pastor in the church what to do, what to preach and how to run his church?
 - e. Do you feel responsible that your money needs to be used wisely so you better get involved in helping with these decisions?
 - f. Do you feel you carry more wisdom than the rest of the people because you make more money and thus should withhold your giving?
- 42.** When you do a charitable deed do you make sure that everyone knows the good deed you did?
- 43.** How does it feel when you do give quietly and the people mistreat or ignore you? You know if they knew it was you giving, they wouldn't treat you like this. How do you feel about giving without people knowing it was from you? You give without any recognition of gratitude because they don't know it was you who gave those airplane tickets to them, money for the Pastor to go on holiday with his family. Do you honour the house of God and the workers? To honour is to ensure they have what they need. It is to be caring and show love and kindness.
- 44.** Matthew 6:1-4 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.
- 45.** Examine your giving to your family. If you have money, do you use it to compensate for the lack of quality time you spend with your family? If you remove money, how else do you give to your family? Ask each person in your family if they feel you spend enough quality time with them, listen to what they say? Think about the things they say and listen with your heart to what they are saying is important to them. It is important here to also recognize manipulation and blockages to the call of God on your life. Some people will hold you back from doing things simply because they are not doing anything. Balance versus Neglect is key.
- 46.** Do you give to the extent where you have made people dependent on you and how do you untangle yourself and correct this?
- a. Are their people who are not your spouse or your children who look to you as their source and provider? Children being those that are studying or still living in your house. After studies they need to be financially independent and living and working on their own without dependency on you.
 - b. What would happen if you stopped giving to these people outside of your home? Who would suffer?
 - c. Your parents, are they working, yet still expect you to pay for many things? Where do you draw the line – what is God saying to you?
 - d. Are you aiding and abetting addictions in people's lives with your giving? e.g., laziness to work (Any job is needed when you don't have work)

- e. Where does your money go that you give people? Would God be happy with how they are using what you give them? Ask God and then be still and hear him His answer.
 - f. Close your eyes, imagine these scenarios and then see what Jesus does or tells you.
47. What are your motives for having things? Do you drive a nice car and then look left and right to see who is watching you get into your car? Do you derive pleasure out of people praising you for the things you have or the position you have in a company? Do you derive pleasure out of the compliments people make to the clothes you wear, house you have, car you drive? Does this glory go to God, or have you become addicted to praise?

Giver, **let us take 5 minutes** and more to carefully go through our motives for giving and ask God to show us:

- a. the root causes for our behavior,
- b. our attitude towards giving
- c. and our emotions when we don't get what we expected

Giver, please pause and take more time to reflect on this.

SOURCE OF YOUR GIVING

48. Giver, it is also important where your money comes from and to be patient in waiting for your money. Waiting can be very hard, working, saving little by little requires great dedication. Waiting a long time before you can buy what you need is hard. Paying cash versus credit is well worth it.
49. When you put your hope in gambling, casinos, lotto tickets it will lead to consequences that affect not only you, but your future generations. When you gamble you are putting your faith and trust in the god of this world and not the God who created the world. When you win from your gambling and the god of this world gives you money, you owe him, and he will come to collect at the time of his choosing. The devil never gives anything for free. There will be a payback. In 2024 people spent R47billion rand on gambling in hopes of winning money.

Category	Revenue	Growth Rate
Online Gambling	R15 billion	25%
Land-Based Casinos	R20 billion	12%
Sports Betting	R12 billion	18%

These figures demonstrate the diverse revenue streams contributing to the **South Africa gambling revenue record**.

50. Take time to examine why you buy lotto tickets? Where is this money coming from? Whose money system is it that you are investing in? Have a look at how these companies spend their money – because that is your money – where are they advertising, where are their proceeds going? When you give to a company you become responsible for how they spend it – now this is a tough one. There is a company that in June they celebrate homosexuality, and yet Christians still go to their shop – and in so doing show acceptance for how they spend their money by spending there. When you know of something and you still do it – you are a willing partaker, and you have given the enemy legal rights to lay charges against you in the heavenly courts. That is why you need to be able to detach yourself from earthly things.

51. Where else does your money come from? Any dishonest gain is subject to the enemy coming to collect from you or your future generations. "Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow." — Proverbs 13:11
52. Business deals, unethical. Getting money to fast track someone through the system. Money on the side to do your job. Taking money for bribes. What do you do with this money that you received illegally – either you give it back, or if you can't you destroy it. How can you give other people money that is cursed? What did God tell the Israelites to do when they destroyed Jericho and what happened to Achan who took the gold and things for himself. He and his family and animals were all killed. This is very serious.
53. As a charitable organization – if you know that money is coming from an unethical source, even if you have a sneaky suspicion – you return it. No feeding of 1000 kids or building an orphanage is worth doing it on a corruptible foundation. Again, you have put your trust in the enemies polluted money, versus God's. Money tests, gifts will come from wrong sources, and the question is what will you do? Are you strong enough to walk away? If not, get to the root...Talk to God about this. If you don't ask God why you do what you do, you don't get answers, cause He says very clearly James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.
54. James 4v4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. This is an excellent scripture regarding where your money comes from. Who you get your money from – that is who are you friends with?
55. It is God that blesses and gives therefore we acknowledge Him with our giving. "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." — Proverbs 3:9-10. God is the true source of financial blessings, and his method is give and it shall be given back to you. No shortcuts
56. Giver, **let us take 5 minutes** to look at the sources of our money over the years – from the playground at school where you played those little gambling games to the casino's where you go and spend your money at the restaurants. Where did your money come from over the years. Go carefully, year by year. Think about it –
 - a. If Jesus were to stand next to you, every time you paid for something or gave money away, would He approve?
 - b. Would be you be embarrassed with Jesus if you were to go through your financial spending and sources?
 - c. When you pay R1000 for your DSTV or R1000 for your cell phone – how much will he find you giving into His Kingdom initiatives?
 - d. Where is your money coming from?
 - e. Are you ethical in your workplace?
 - f. What does the company do that you work for? Are you sure you are working where God called you to work and if so, are you aware of your assignment there or are you just working to earn a paycheck?

LAZY, FEAR...WHATS YOUR EXCUSE?

57. Giver, have you been lazy to invest your money and allow it to multiply? Are you the servant who didn't do anything with the money God gave him? He didn't even gain interest. Matthew 15v24 When he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

²⁵ And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed.

²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

MY WAY

58. Have you read the words to Frank Sinatra's song "I did it my way"? Here is one verse:

or what is a man, what has he got?
If not himself, then he has naught
To say the things he truly feels
And not the words of one who kneels
The record shows I took the blows
And did it my way

59. Number 1 – he praises self. He is saying we need to look to self and trust self.

60. Number 2 – he belittles those who kneel. Those who kneel refer to those who pray to God.

61. Number 3 – he says I did it my way. And that my friends is our biggest mistake when it comes to giving. Obedience to giving comes through knowing the Will of God which supersedes the will of man. His will is clearly laid out in the bible.

62. Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.

9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, **And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

63. I Corinthians 2:11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

64. Learn to walk in the spirit. Ask God how? Ask God for the strategy on how to practice this. 1 Corinthians 5v16 'I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

65. The bible teaches us to look to God to do things His way, to understand the mind of Christ, to apply the mind of Christ and He will make our ways prosperous.

66. Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Are you meditating on the word of God day and night so that His word is inside of you, and ready to be brought forward when decisions need to be made? Communication with God, is Him pulling the word that sits inside of you, to the forefront of your mind? Let me say that again Communication with God, is Him pulling the word that sits inside of you, to the forefront of your mind.

67. Let us remember the words of this song “Because He lives” when we are feeling down and out, where hope is gone, important decisions need to be made or money has dried up:

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

68. For some of you, this might be the hardest one yet of the Romans 12 challenge. I encourage you not to rush through but take time to be still before the Lord and reflect on each one. God wants to bless you, He wants you to be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. All the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 are for you when you walk in obedience. It is because he loves you, he brings this to your attention. He is the one to help you. Talk to him, read the word and he will change things for your and show you what to do.
69. Let us take the remaining time of this session to close out with **5 min of music** to reflect on what we just spoke about. And again, take all the time you need. Some things are thick with generation iniquity and will take a lot of work to undo.