

# The Handbook for Business, the Bible

## #26: The generous WILL prosper

*NLT - "The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed" Prov 11:25*  
*KJV - "The liberal soul shall be made fat...he that watereth shall be watered..."*

**I know a bloke ("John") who learned this principle soon after starting his tech business:**

- \* Another business owner had a technology problem & sought help online
- \* John saw the post & knowing how to fix that specific problem offered to help (for free)
- \* That bloke turned out to be a super connector, super impressed with the help he got
- \* He referred John to many others - today, John's business is booming...  
...he applied the principle and now he prospers, as the Proverb declares.

Jesus confirmed this in Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

And John 3:16, holds one of the keys to understanding the principle...

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."* - Love first, then giving

In business as in life, giving also comes from love - of serving, of customers, of your industry, of solving problems, of leading a team, of building an asset, making a difference:

Interesting...

How often does the fruit of giving (i.e. receiving) come NOT from the one who got the gift, but from the LORD:

- \* Amazingly too, the receiving always seems to come back WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST
- \* A gift is not only in form of \$\$ - it can things, time or expertise (mentoring)

Here's the deal -

- \* Love & giving are relational - between people = you and your customers
- \* Growing relationships leads to a growing business
- \* Business growth leads to profitability
- \* Profitability leads to prosperity, more giving...thereby advancing the kingdom!

Understanding & living by this principle means Christians should be # 1 in the marketplace...  
...by reputation & profitability [but all too often we are not]

**My recommended action plan for today = practice for post-Covid:**

- \* What have you got to give away?  
...If unsure, ASK - "Lord, what can I give away, to someone who cannot repay"  
...Choose someone associated with your business - customer, supplier, employee
- \* Repeat tomorrow...and every day until it becomes a habit
- \* For some business owners encourage staff to do the same
- \* Do this, and you WILL PROSPER because that's what the HANDBOOK declares