



“Open Hands”

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“Salvation has come to this home today.” Luke 19:9

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38)

BENEFITS OF LIVING WITH OPEN HANDS

#1 OPEN HANDS MAKE US HAPPIER.

Acts 20:35 (GN) **"Remember the words the Lord Jesus Himself said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'"**

#2 OPEN HANDS MAKE ME MORE LIKE GOD.

John 3:16 **"God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son."**

#3 OPEN HANDS FREE US FROM GREED AND MATERIALISM.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 says, **"Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."**

#4 OPEN HANDS HELP US INVEST IN ETERNITY.

Matthew 6:19-20 **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."**

#4 OPEN HANDS TEACH US TO TRUST GOD.

Matthew 16:25-26, **"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"**

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