

BALANCE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD - Part 7 of 9

Those who want to save their lives will lose them. But those who lose their lives for me and for the Good News will save them.

Mark 8:35 (GW)

WHAT WE GIVE

1. WE GIVE _____ TO GOD

I am the Lord your God, and I demand all your love.

Exo. 20:5 (CEV)

2. WE GIVE _____ TO GOD

He died for all so that all who live--having received eternal life from him--might live no longer for themselves, to please themselves, but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose again for them.

2 Cor. 5:15 (LB)

3. WE GIVE _____ TO OTHERS

It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.

Eph. 2:10 (LB)

WHAT WE RECEIVE

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

Luke 6:38 (NLT)

1. WE RECEIVE _____

Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ... Because of his love God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children.

Eph. 1:4-5 (GN)

2. WE RECEIVE _____

It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

2 Cor. 1:21-22 (NLT)

3. WE RECEIVE _____

And God has given us his Spirit to tell us about the wonderful free gifts of grace and blessing that God has given us.

1 Cor. 2:12 (LB)

Only someone who has God's Spirit can understand spiritual blessings. Anyone who doesn't have God's Spirit thinks these blessings are foolish.

1 Cor. 2:14 (CEV)

4. WE RECEIVE _____

When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

2 Cor. 5:17 (LB)

5. WE RECEIVE _____

Brothers and sisters, I'm making known to you the Good News which I already told you, which you received, and on which your faith is based.

1 Cor. 15:1 (GW)

No one can have faith without hearing the message about Christ.

Rom. 10:17 (CEV)

The faith I speak of is the kind that Jesus Christ our God and Savior gives to us. How precious it is, and how just and good he is to give this same faith to each of us.

2 Pet. 1:1 (LB)

6. WE RECEIVE _____

The Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive what God promised for his people until God gives full freedom to those who are his.

Eph. 1:14 (NCV)