

GIVERS AND TAKERS  
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1. Takers WORRY that what they have is not enough, but givers TRUST that God is their PROVIDER.

*"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV)

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NIV)

2. Takers are looking for the FASTEST way to get what THEY WANT, but givers understand the value of WORK.

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*Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*

Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)

3. Takers are focused on PROTECTING all they have, but givers choose to be GENEROUS.

*Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.*

James 5:4-5 (NIV)

*"If God writes 'Privilege' on one side of the door, you may be sure that he will write 'Responsibility' on the other side."*

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*"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."*

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)