

**WCBC SERMON NOTES - APRIL 22, 2018**

**TOPIC:** Understanding Seven Great Bible Paradoxes  
Sermon 3: *Receiving Through Giving!*

**TEXT:** John 6:1-14; Acts 20:35b

**INTRO:** "Boxers' Favorite Motto!"

Today, in light of this great miracle by the Lord Jesus, we will see why it is *"more blessed to give than to receive!"*

**I. BECAUSE IT PLEASURES THE LORD JESUS: vv.9-11**

Note: Jesus was pleased with the boy's "lunch" that He blessed it! - v.11a; Matthew 14:19

1. When we give our ALL for Him - v.9
  - *"Five Small Barley Loaves" / Two Small Fish!*

Note: The "boy" gave his ALL for Jesus and others, and the Lord Jesus was pleased for it!
2. When people's needs are met - vv.5,12
 

Note: The great crowd's immediate, felt-need was food. Jesus provided it for them! -cf. Philippians 4:19

  - A. *"They ALL had ENOUGH to eat"* - v.12a
  - B. There were left over - vv.12b-13 cf. Mark 6:43

Note: When Jesus gives, He adds surplus!

  - Haiti 2015 STM!

**II. BECAUSE IT SHOWS THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS: vv.5-8**

- People's Misconception Re Christ's Deity!
1. Through our dilemma - vv.5,7
 

Note: The Twelve either have to send the multitude home (Matt. 14:15a) or feed them themselves (Matt. 14:16)!
  2. Through our unbelief - vv.5-7
 

Note: There are actually two "doubters" among Christ's 12 apostles!

**III. BECAUSE IT REVEALS THAT EVEN OUR SMALL GIFT TO THE LORD JESUS CAN ACCOMPLISH BIG THINGS THROUGH HIM:vv.9,12;Matt.14:21**

1. Even though you are just a "boy"- v.9
 

Note: This "boy" most likely was poor as he brought "barley loaves," the poor man's bread!
2. Even though you can only offer *"five small barley loaves and two small fish"*- v.9
 

Note: God would still bless and use them! -Matt. 14:19

**CONCLUSION:** Today, like this "boy" in our story, give your small gift to Jesus, and you will be amazed with what He can and will do with it!

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**A Boy's Nickel!**

When Chaplain McCabe had set out to raise a million dollars for missions, he met many disappointments, and was often greatly discouraged. One day, while going through a mail, he came across a letter, in a boyish scrawl, and liberally punctuated with blots, read: "Dear Chaplain McCabe: I'm sure you're going to get a million dollars for missions. And I'm going to help you get it too. So here's a nickel toward it. It's all I've got right now, but if you need any more, you just call on me."

This became one of the Chaplain's most effective stories in his money-raising campaign, and by it he was, eventually, able to reach his goal. A boy's nickel, multiplied, became a million dollars. He helped far more than he knew!  
- *Evangelistic Illustration*

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**Verse For Today**

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive!"*  
- Acts 20:35b

**Food For Thought**

"Little becomes much as you place it in the Master's Hand!"  
- Danniebelle Hall

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