

13. CHRIST - TEACHING BY GENEROSITY

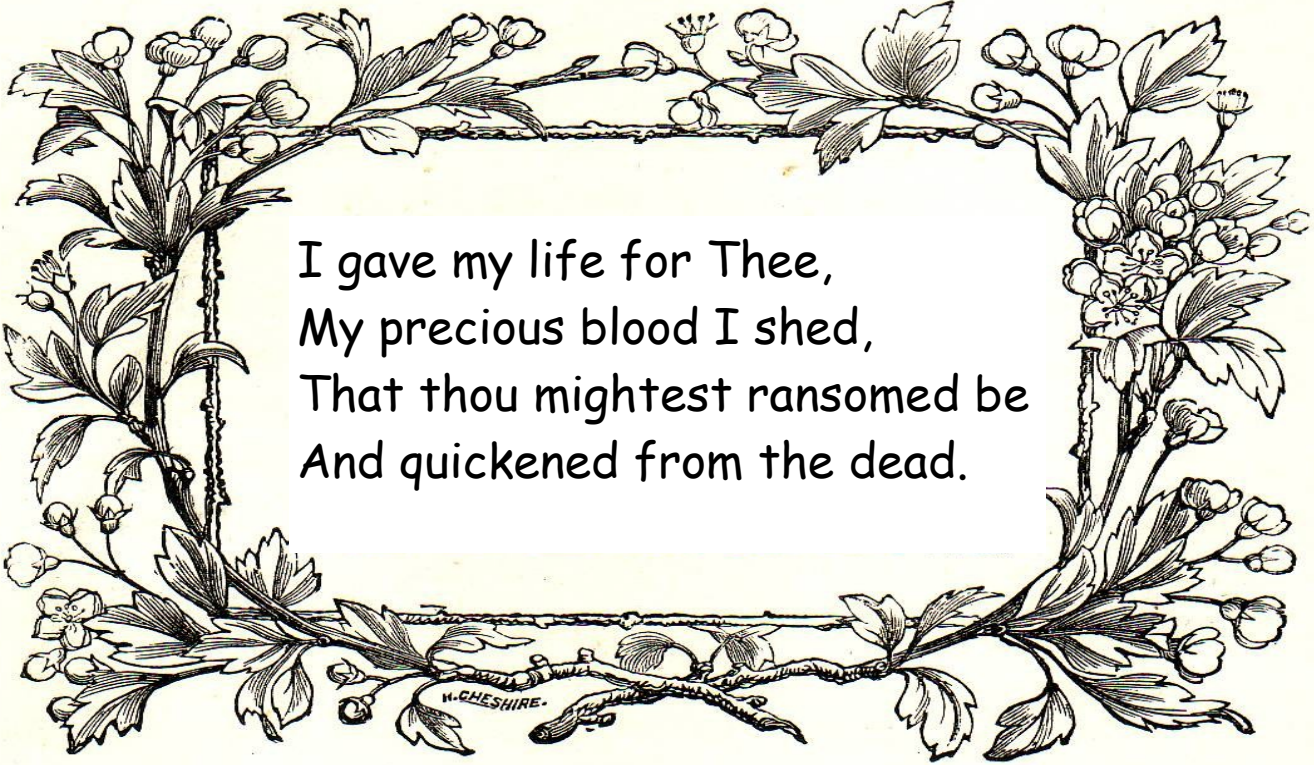
THE LIFE OF OUR LORD

Find and write out the following texts
about giving:

Psalms 41 v 1

Proverbs 3 v 9-10

1. One of the many sad effects that sin has upon us is that it makes us s_____ and mean.
2. We are tempted to love m_____ more than we should.
3. We can never be good Christians unless we overcome the selfishness of our h_____ and learn, not only to g_____, but to g_____ generously and willingly.
4. St Paul talked about giving 'ch_____' (2 Cor 9 v 7)
5. Our Lord Jesus said, 'Give, and it shall be g_____ unto you; good m_____, pressed down, and shaken together, and r_____ o_____' (Luke 6 v 38). Someone has called this '**God's rule for getting**'.
6. Our Lord Jesus taught us the best lesson about giving when he gave his life to save s_____ from their s_____.



I gave my life for Thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou mightest ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.

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Can you draw a picture of someone in the Bible who gave generously?

The Secret of Success.—Some time ago a Christian gentleman was visiting a large paper mill, that belonged to a friend of his, who was a very rich man. The owner of the mill took him all through it, and showed him the machinery, and told him how the paper was made. When they had been all over, the visitor said to his friend, ‘I have one question to ask you; and if you will answer it, I shall feel very much obliged to you. I am told that you started in life very poor, and now you are one of the richest men in this part of the country. My question is *this*: Will you please tell me the *secret* of your success in business?’

‘I don’t know that there is any great secret about it,’ said his friend, ‘but I will tell you all I know. I got a situation, and began to work for my own living, when I was only sixteen years old. My wages at first were to be eight pounds a year, with my board and lodging. My clothing and all my other expenses were to come out of this amount. I then made a solemn promise to the Lord that *one-tenth* of my wages, or sixteen shillings out of the eight pounds, should be faithfully laid aside to be given to the poor, or to some religious work. This promise I kept religiously, and after laying aside one-tenth to give away, at the end of the year, besides meeting my expenses, I had more than a tenth left for myself. I then made a vow that whatever it might please God to give me, I would never give *less* than one-tenth of my income to Him. This vow I have faithfully kept from that day to this. If there be any secret to my success—*this is it*. Whatever I receive during the year, I feel sure that I am richer on nine-tenths of it, with God’s blessing, than I should be on the whole of it, without that blessing. I believe that God has blessed me, and made my business prosper. And I am sure that any one who will make the trial of this secret of success, will find it work as it has done in my case.’