



TAKERS, TRADERS,  
AND INVESTORS





# Nehemiah 8:10-12 KJV

Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared.” . . . And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly.

# 1 Samuel 25:5-8 KJV

David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, “Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. And thus you shall say to him who lives in prosperity: ‘Peace be to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have!’”

# 1 Samuel 25:5-8 KJV

Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel. Ask your young men, and they will tell you.

# 1 Samuel 25:5-8 KJV

Therefore, let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.”

# Deuteronomy 16:14 KJV

You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates.

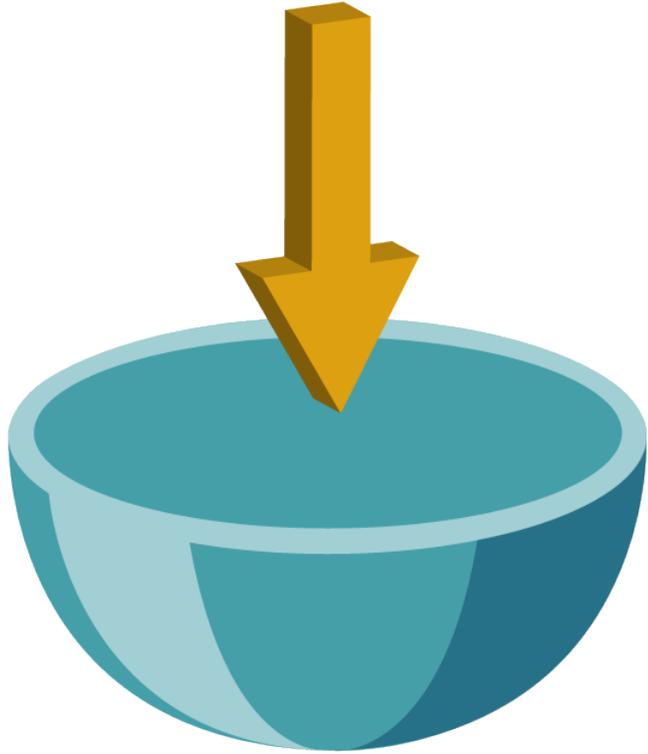
# Luke 14:13,14 KJV

When you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.



# Ezekiel 16:49 NIV

Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.



Takers



Traders



Investors

# TAKERS



- They take more than they give
- They wait for others to give so that they can enjoy the benefits
- They love to make “withdrawals” while they expect others to make “deposits”

# TRADERS



- They give in order to receive
- They are busy looking for their own set of friends
- They may be generous with their friends, but they also keep a close eye on what they receive in return

# INVESTORS



- Investors actively look for ways to help
- They look for strangers in church so that they can be friendly to them
- They go out of their way to help those who are in need

# INVESTORS



- Their eyes are quick to notice what needs to be done and they do it
- They give freely to support the church's ministries
- They give without a thought of receiving anything in return

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 KJV

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and **their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.**

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 KJV

For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 KJV

And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.



# Personal Story



ARE YOU A TAKER, TRADER, OR INVESTOR?

HOW WOULD YOU CLASSIFY YOURSELF?

# Matthew 25:34-40 KJV

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

# Matthew 25:34-40 KJV

for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.

# Matthew 25:34-40 KJV

... And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”



# Personal Story