

# Honeycomb Givers

As we move further into the Christmas season, the practice of giving comes more and more into play. We shift our minds to the quest for the perfect gifts for family and friends.

Giving can take several forms, including (1) the transfer of something without the expectation of receiving something in return, (2) generosity – the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return, or (3) the practice of charity – the giving of help to those in need who are not related to the giver.

Recently, I read an interesting description of givers. It is contained in a book entitled *God's Little Lessons for Leaders*, published by Honor Books of Tulsa, Okla. It is worthy of reflection, especially during this season.

Identified are three kinds of givers: the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb.

To get anything from the flint, you must hammer it. Yet, all you generally get are chips and sparks. The flint gives nothing away if it can help it, and even then, only with a great display.

To get anything from the sponge, you must squeeze it. It readily yields to pressure, and the more it is pressed, the more it gives. Still, you must push.

To get anything from the honeycomb, however, you must take what freely flows from it. It gives its sweetness generously, dripping on all without pressure, without begging or badgering.

Note, too, that there is another difference in the honeycomb. It is a renewable resource. Unlike the flint or sponge, the honeycomb is connected to life. It is the product of the ongoing work and creative energy of bees.



If you are a “honeycomb giver,” your life will be continually replenished as you give. And as long as you are connected to the Source of all life – our Lord Jesus Christ – you can never run dry.

When you give freely, you will receive in like manner so that whatever you give away will soon be multiplied back to you.

I find testimony of that principle from the associates who give so unselfishly of themselves in the work of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

*Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Luke 6:38).*

– Beecher Hunter