

DAY 23

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor.

PROVERBS 11:24, CSB

Generosity benefits the giver and the receiver. It is paradoxical for the Bible to assert that the more we give, the more we gain, since our hearts incline us to hoard instead of give. In Christ, we have been given a treasure in the form of good news (2 Corinthians 4:7), and there is much to gain in sharing this news with others. When we are generous with the gospel message which has been entrusted to us, it is not only for the recipient's benefit. When we generously share the gospel with our *one*, we gain something too, be it in the form of intimacy with the Lord, the joy of being used by Him or a reminder for ourselves in our very words about how precious this news really is.

As you share the gospel this week, remember the message you are sharing is for the recipient, but it's also for you, too. For it is truly "more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).