

*Life Principle Day Twenty-Five:  
God blesses us so that we  
might bless others.*

Today's Reading  
Acts 19:13-38



Our daughter recently added a hamster to our household. "Oreo" is a cute little rodent with unique eating habits and body build. You see, his cheeks are such that he can store large quantities of food away, hoarding it for his own use at a later time.

Thankfully, God hasn't designed us that way. We don't have large cheeks to hoard food. That would look a bit odd! Even our arms and hands were not designed to hang onto great quantities of things. They are big enough to receive blessing, but also able to pass it along to others.

It is that kind of blessing lifestyle that Paul demonstrated to the Ephesians. While he walked did not covet what belonged to others (v. 33). He did not try to hoard things. In fact, though he had every right to ask them for financial

support, he chose to provide for himself (v. 34, 1 Cor. 9). You see, he was operating under another principle that Jesus had taught, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." No matter what blessing he had...whether ability or material resource...Paul realized that there was blessing in using it to bless others. There was no room in His life for tight-fistedness.

Meanwhile, Jesus also cited an example where a man contemplated building bigger barns so that he could better store "his" possessions (Lk. 12:13-25). There was not enough room in that man's life to hang on to everything.

As a follower of Jesus, you dare not hang onto any blessing too tightly. Allow it to slip through your hands and find its way into the hands of others. Don't be one who hoards while others stand in need. Don't walk through life as a proud recipient of God's blessing while failing to recognize that there is a stewardship element to every blessing.