

I suppose, but intended in the concept of allowing God to speak to you..to point something out to you. Don't be so self-caring that you cannot see the needs of others. With this in mind one takes the assets given by a gracious God and imparts of what one has for the blessing and benefit of others.

### C. Conclusion

Jesus tells us that it is better to give than to receive. (Acts 20:25) The Scripture is full of the truths of giving, the Lord Jesus being the chief example and many godly persons following His line. So learn to be whole-hearted in giving: giving of time, energy, ability, goods, and..yes, money! There is a great lesson on it in Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 but the reality of the joy that comes from giving leaves us with need for no further argument. Learn to give heartily.

## V. Learn to Order the Affairs of Life Carefully

Romans 12:8

### A. Some Introductory Notes

The idea of this discussion grows from the expression in Romans 12:8..."he that ruleth, with diligence." The idea of ruling is not so much that of a king of powerful political leader but more that of one who has a point for which to stand, a duty that one should perform. The concept in diligence is to do it as a matter of study, a matter of fervency, a matter of commitment. In 1 Corinthians 12 the gift is referred to as one of "government" and sometimes people think this is a gift of "pushing others around." But such is not the case. It is the ability to order a course of action and see it completed...and that may be any one of a number of things that enter your life, day by day.

In many of our lives there is a carelessness about important functions and duties. Procrastination, overlooking, etc., are killers of the efficiency that should mark the believer. And what is missing is the