WHAT CAN YOU/WE/I GIVE?

What Is More Blessed?

Acts 20:35 "...it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

(Duane Hulse)

Are We Giving To Meet The Need?

John 4 – The Samaritan woman

She came for her need? Her want?

What is the need?

Can we guide a conversation to turn to the real need people have?

Did Jesus use want/need situations to focus on the greater issues of life?

The Greatest Gift?

Spiritual Water!

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:13-14)

God is...

- "The fountain of living waters" (Jeremiah 2:13)
- "God is the fountain whence..."
 - "There's a fountain free..."
- "In the desert of sorrow and sin..."

"One Good Well"

"There's a million oil rigs pumping That black gold all over the world

Sheiks and cowboy billionaires In limousines loaded with sparkling girls

But money can't buy happiness Just listen to the stories they tell

All you need to really succeed in life Is one good well.

"One Good Well"

One good well, Deep and ever-flowing
One good well, To draw from night and day
Pure and fine, it's yours and mine
And it's always enough
We've got one good well,
Overflowing with everlasting love

"One Good Well"

Don't it seem kinda funny How people with a lot of money Only hunger for more

You think they'd learn That money can burn It's love that keeps The wolf from the door

Precious love lies deep inside, Hearts you can't buy and sell

When the money's low Still we know we got, One good well.

Spiritual "Artesian" Spring

You give yourself To get To give

When/What Do You Give?

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because they are my disciple, I tell you the truth, they will certainly not lose their reward."

(Matthew10:42)

Matthew 25:34-40

A "when did"! and "Whatever you did"!

Spiritual Water Served...

New mown hay on a July morn Grandkids running through the knee-high corn

Sunburned nose and a scabbed-up knee

From the rope at the white oak tree

Just another summer's day on Grandpa's farm

With Grandma's bucket hanging off my arm

You know the old pump's rusty but it works fine

Primed with water from another time

"Water From Another Time"

It don't take much, but you gotta have some

The old ways help the new ways come

Just leave a little extra for the next in line

You're gonna need a little water from another time

(John McCutcheon)

"Water From Another Time"

Tattered quilt on the goose down bed

"Every stitch tells a story", my Grandma said

Her mama's nightgown, her Grandpa's pants

And the dress that she wore to her high school dance

Now wrapped at night in those patchwork scenes

I waltz with Grandma in my dreams

My arms, my heart, my life entwined

With water from another time

"Water From Another Time"

Newborn cry in the morning air

The past and the future are wedded there

In this wellspring of my sons and daughters

The bone and blood of living water

And, though Grandpa's hands have gone to dust,

Like Grandma's pump; reduced to rust,

Their stories quench my soul and mind

Like water from another time

GIVE ME WATER FROM THE WELL!

There is room
In the kingdom...
For the...things you can do