

Daily Homily
Seventh Week of Easter: Wednesday
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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Paul says that Jesus said this. However, you will not find this line anywhere in the Gospels. You only find this line here, as Paul recalls it from perhaps a private conversation he had with Jesus or some group interaction in which Jesus spoke this line.

More blessed to give... why?

Giving is the constant action of God... and expecting nothing in return. God is all self-giving.

God, the Father gives to us, the whole of Himself in His Son Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit continues to sustain this gift of self-giving to this day.

There is nothing we can give to God. Even our Eucharistic Prayers and Opening Prayers/Collects for the Mass remind us that there is nothing we can do to add to God. The only thing we can give to God is our thanks and our praise and basically give the whole of our lives back to Him and even this action, as the Eucharistic Prayers says, is still God's gift to us.

Giving ... without expecting in return... is a divine action... a God action.

So what part of your life – your time or talent especially, are you going to give today... without expecting a return... without counting the cost... and to whom are going to give it? Whatever it is and to whomever it is directed may it be divine, may it be a blessing.