

**A Christmas to Remember**  
**Acts 20:35**

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“Get over yourself and start giving yourself.” --John Maxwell

- I. Discover your giving **index**: (v.35a)

***In everything I did***, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak,

1. Whom am I **pouring** my life into? (2 Tim 4:6-7)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2. Whom am I **helping** who cannot help me in return? (1 Thess. 5:14)

And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

3. Whom am I **lifting** who can't lift themselves? (Isaiah 61:1)

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,..."

4. Whom am I **encouraging** daily? (Heb. 10:25)

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

II. Determine your giving **Inventory**. (v.35b)

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1. How am I **gifted**? (Rom 12:6)

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.”

2. How am I **developing** my gifts? (Rom 12:12-13)

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

3. How **challenging** is my giving? (Rom 12:14-16)

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”

III. Demonstrate your giving **intentions**. (v. 35)

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1. Invest **everything** you’ve got. (Romans 12:1)
2. Invest **everyday** you’ve got. (Ephesians 5:16)
3. Invest in **everyone** you encounter. (1 Corinthians 9:22)
4. Invest every ounce of your **effort**. (Galatians 6:9-10)
5. Invest to produce the greatest **end** result. (Acts 20:35)