



“Give And You Shall Receive!”

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I can't get online at home, so whenever I had some free time, I got into the habit of going to an internet café.

You have to pay to get online there and sometimes I would spend all the money I had for the week in just one day on the internet.

I was so involved in surfing the web that I didn't have any time left to love anyone.

Even though I enjoyed it, I felt an empty hole in my heart.

What had I achieved by forming this bad habit?

So I tried to go to the café only when I needed the internet for my homework.

In this way I saved money, which I gave for the poor girls and boys I had promised to help, and I also found time to do little acts of love at home.

But God is never outdone in generosity! One of my aunts bought a computer and she told me that whenever I needed it, I could go to her house – and that meant I wouldn't have to pay anything anymore!

The love that I gave and that I received really filled my empty hole! Now I am really happy.



RULE OF LIFE 7
«To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away». (Mt. 13, 12)



Jesus is inviting us to open our hearts to the Word that he came to announce to us.

The Gospel tells us that announcing the Word was the center of all of Jesus' desires and actions when he was on earth.

He brought his message of salvation to everyone, but especially to the poor, the humble and all those who are rejected by society.

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Once you have received such a great gift, you can't just sit there and do nothing about it.

This Word of Life warns us about making a big mistake — that of accepting the Gospel, maybe even studying it, or discussing it, but not really putting it into practice.



Jesus expects us to accept the Word into our hearts, and incorporate it into our lives, so that it becomes the power behind everything we do. **Then the witness of our life will be the light, salt and yeast that gradually transforms the world around us.**



LET'S GIVE WITH JOY

Let's look around – maybe there's someone sick in the hospital, or a friend who is sad or a classmate who's discouraged because he failed a test, or your little brother who needs your help...

Let's give without holding anything back. Give our understanding, give our attention, give our free time, give our ideas, give our experiences, give our ability to do something ...



To remember to GIVE WITH JOY, trace a SMILEY FACE on your hand.

Our joy will grow and multiply.

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