

## About Alabaster Giving



My entire life has been one of giving and joyfully so. As I reached adulthood, many would bring to my attention that I need to also learn how to receive. It has not been an easy journey but I am learning.

What did it for me as usually happens, was understanding *giving* and *receiving* at a spiritual level. The two scriptures that blessed me were:

### **My Receiving**

*“Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account”*  
(*Philippians 4:17*)

### **My Giving**

*“... not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others”*  
(*Philippians 2:4*).

I also reflected on the costly ointment that Mary poured out on the feet of Jesus and timely so - before His burial. She gave Him her very best. This is how it should be as we pour into each other – not what is convenient for us to give but to give our very best even if it means we are left without. He lovingly refills our cup as we give willingly and timely for His glory.

What a joy it has become to both receive and give as He provides. God is good!

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