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O To Be Like Thee!

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I personally like singing new words to familiar songs. Consider this poem regarding giving to the tune of the great hymn, *O To Be Like Thee!*

*O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer;
As I consider Your tender mercy,
Help me remember, giving to wear.*

Chorus

*O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, You always live!
Though I am busy, let me consider,
Your giving calls me to freely give.*

*O to be like Thee! Full of compassion,
Helping my brothers when they have need;
Modestly living so I can give more,
Gaining the vict'ry over my greed.*

*O to be like Thee! Part of my calling,
Is to let go of that which is mine;
Through life you give it, at death you take it,
Better to live this, than be surprised.*

As we consider the topic of giving, let's remember the reason to give: God has given to us (John 3:16). That verse provides the reason we should give (we have received) and the reason our giving to ministry will have success (God is the One who brings forth fruit).

You can have great confidence in your giving to the Lord's work. You can be the instrument that God uses to pay for a student's Christian education or fund a missionary's important project. Will you choose to be like God - a giver?

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