

**MONEY AND GIVING**

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**WHATEVER HE ASKS. WHEREVER HE LEADS.**

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## 1. Why should we give? Why is our generous giving so important to God?

- i. 2 Cor. 8:9* For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
  
- ii. Matt 6:19-21* Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
  
- iii. Luke 6:38* [Jesus said:] “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”



## 2. Is giving optional? What if my income is very limited?

There are 2 sides to the answer of this question. First:

**Acts 11:29** The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea.

**2 Cor. 8:12** For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

**Deut. 16:16-17** . . . No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed:  
<sup>17</sup>Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

However, the Bible also shows us other examples:

**Luke 21:1-4** As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. [2] He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. [3] "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. [4] All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

**2 Cor. 8:1-5** And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints <sup>5</sup>And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by the will of God.



### 3. How much should I give? What about tithing?

*2 Cor. 9:6-7* Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### 4. How often should I give?

*Exodus 23:19* As you harvest each of your crops, bring me a choice sample of the first day's harvest. It must be offered to the Lord your God. (NLT)

*2 Chron. 31:5* The people responded immediately and generously with the first of their crops and grain, new wine, olive oil, honey, and all the produce of their fields. They brought a tithe of all they owned. (NLT)

### 5. Where should I give? Who should I give to?

*Malachi 3:10* is frequently mistaught on this subject:  
“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”



## 6. So where should our giving go?

- i. **Acts 2:44-45** All the believers were together and had everything in common.  
<sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

**Acts 4:34-35** There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales<sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

- ii. **1 Corinthians 9:14** In the same way, the Lord gave orders that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.

**Galatians 6:6** The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with (support financially) the one who teaches him.

- iii. **1 John 3:16-18** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.



iv. **Philippians 4:14-19** Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

v. **Proverbs 19:17** He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

**Proverbs 28:27** He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

vi. **1 Timothy 5:8** If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.



## 7. What do these verses say about giving?

**Matthew 6:19-21** "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

**Matthew 13:45, 46** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

### **BIBLE PROMISES FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

**Proverbs 3:9-10** Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

**Proverbs 11:24-25** One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. <sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.



*Proverbs 22:9* A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

*Malachi 3:10* Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

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*2 Cor. 9:6* Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

*2 Cor. 9:10-11* Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

