

Giving

1) Why should we give?

- a. Giving shows how great God is.
 - i. Hebrews 11:26, Matt 13:46
- b. God generously gives to us.
 - i. 2 Cor. 8:9
- c. Giving promotes godliness.
 - i. Matt 6:24, Mal 3:8-10, 2 Cor. 9:12
- d. Giving brings blessings.
 - i. Luke 6:38, 2 Cor. 9:6-7
 - ii. Many so-called “Christian teachers” get this wrong, and even some evangelicals are guilty of this.
 - iii. God did tie material blessings to obedience in the OT. Num. 14:8, Deut. 28:13-14, but they always pointed to something greater & more lasting.
 - iv. When scripture talks about rewards, there is emphasis on eternal blessing. Eph. 1:3, 2 Thess. 1:4, Acts 9:16, Matt 5:11-12

Act in faith, Motive is everything.

2) What should Christians give?

- a. Everything
 - i. Romans 12:1, 1 Cor 1:10, Mark 7
- b. Tithes & Offering
 - i. OT
 - Lev 27:30-33, Num. 18:8-32, Deut. 12:17-18, 14:22-23, 1 Tim 4:4, Deut. 14:28-29, 26:12-13, Ex. 30:11-16, Deut. 12:6, Lev. 19:9-10, 2 Kings 23:35
 - ii. NT
 - 1 Cor 16:2, Matt 5:17, Matt 12:6, Matt 17:25-26
- c. Sacrificial Giving
 - i. Matt 16:24, Mk 12:41-44, 2 Cor 8:2-3
 - ii. 2 Errors
 - If your budget isn't painfully tight, you're not following Jesus. Rom 12:1
 - Comfort & Christianity can co-exist. 2 Cor.1:3-7
- d. Generous Giving
 - i. 2 Cor 9:6

3) Are Christians obligated to give 10%?

- a. God is more concerned with our devotion than our dollars.

4) Where should Christians give?

- a. Obligations
 - i. Providing for family – 1 Tim 5:8
 - ii. Giving to local church – Gal 6:6
- b. Opportunities

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i. 2 Cor 8:7-8

5) How should Christians give?

a. 5 Admonitions – 1 Cor 16:2

i. Periodic

ii. Personal

iii. Planned – 2 Cor 9:7

iv. Progressive

v. Plentiful

Acts 20:35 – More blessed to give than receive