

WORD BASICS

GIVING

1. THE BIBLE COMMANDS BELIEVERS TO GIVE:

Deut.15:7,8	Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand ...thou shalt open thine hand wide
Pro.3:27	Withhold not good from them to whom it is due
Pro.3:28	Say not, tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee
Mat.5:42	Give to him that asketh thee, &...would borrow
Lk.3:11	He that hath two coats...impart to him that hath none
Rom.12:13	Distributing to the necessity of saints...hospitality

2. GOD BLESSES US WHEN WE GIVE:

Mat.6:4	Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly
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A. SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS:

Pro.11:25	The liberal soul...he that watereth shall be watered
Pro.13:7b	(He) maketh himself poor [gives], yet hath great riches
Pro.14:21	He that hath mercy on the poor, <u>happy</u> is he
Mk.10:21	Give to the poor, & thou shalt have treasure in Heaven
Acts 20:35	It is more blessed to give than to receive

B. MATERIAL BLESSINGS:

Deut.15:10	For this the Lord shall bless thee in all thy works
Pro.11:24a	There is that scattereth, & yet increaseth
Isa.58:10,11	If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry...the Lord... shall satisfy thy soul in drought
Lk.6:38a	Give, & it shall be given unto you; good measure
Lk.6:38b	With the same measure ye mete it shall be measured

3. GIVING TO GOD'S WORK:

A. WHEN WE GIVE, WE ARE GIVING TO JESUS:

Mat.25:40	Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me
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B. WHEN WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK, WE ARE INVESTING:

Pro.19:17 He...lendeth unto the Lord; &...He will pay him again
Lk.10:30-37 Whatsoever thou spendest...when I come, I will repay
Phi.4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit (saved souls) that may abound to your
account

C. GOD WILL PAY US BACK FOR SACRIFICIAL GIVING:

Pro.22:9 He...shall be blessed; for he giveth...to poor
Pro.28:27a He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack
Eccl.11:1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: thou shalt find it
2Cor.9:6b He which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully

4. CHRISTIAN DUTY REGARDING GIVING & SHARING:

2Cor.8:4,5,7 As ye abound in every thing, in faith...in love...see that ye abound in this grace (giving) also
Heb.13:16 To do good & communicate (share w/ others) forget not

A. OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT FULLTIME WORKERS & MISSIONARIES:

Rom.15:27 Their debtors they are...their duty is to minister unto them in carnal things
1Cor.9:6-11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things...we shall reap your carnal (material & financial) things
Gal.6:6 Let him that is taught communicate (share materially) to him that teacheth
1Tim.5:17,18 They who labour in the Word...the labourer is worthy of his reward (wages)
(See also 3Jn.7,8.)

B. EXAMPLES OF GIVING TO NEEDY FELLOW CHRISTIANS:

Rom.15:26 Pleas'd them...to make a contribution for the poor saints
Gal.6:10 Do good...unto them who are of the household of faith
Phi.4:15,16 [Paul said:] Concerning giving & receiving...ye sent once & again to my necessity (See also 1Cor.16:1; 2Cor.9:12.)

C. EVERYONE TO GIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITY:

Deut.16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord...which He hath given thee
Acts 11:29 The disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren
1Cor.16:2 Let every one of you lay in store [set aside to give], as God hath prospered him
2Cor.8:12 It is accepted according to that a man hath, & not

D. WEALTHY CHRISTIANS ESPECIALLY OBLIGATED TO GIVE:

- Lk.8:3 Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, & many others ministered unto (Jesus) of their substance
- 2Cor.8:14,15 That...your abundance may be a supply for their want As it is written, He that had gathered much
- 1Tim.6:17-19 Charge them that are rich...that they be...ready to distribute, willing to communicate (share)
(See examples in 2Tim.1:16-18; Phlm.7.)

E. GIVING TO THE CHURCH, WHICH REDISTRIBUTES:

- Acts 2:44,45 (They) parted them to all men, as every man had need
- Acts 4:34,35 Distribution was made unto every man...as he had need
- Acts 6:1 [The early church had a "daily ministrations" to widows]
- 1Tim.5:4,16 [Church's duty to "relieve them that are widows"]

F. EVEN POOR BELIEVERS ENCOURAGED TO GIVE:

- 1Ki.17:9-16 [Poor widow of Zarephath gave sacrificially, & God blessed her with unending supply of food in famine]
- Mk.12:43,44 Poor widow hath cast more in...For they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want cast in all
- 2Cor.8:1-4 In...their deep poverty...they were willing...praying us that we would receive the gift

5. GIVING WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVES:

A. GIVE CHEERFULLY:

- 2Cor.9:7 Not grudgingly...for God loveth a cheerful giver
- Deut.15:10a Thou shalt give...& thine heart shall not be grieved
- Exo.25:2 Bring Me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take My offering
- Exo.35:21 Every one whose heart stirred him up, &...spirit made willing, brought the Lord's offering to the work
- 1Chr.29:9 People rejoiced...because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord
- Heb.10:34 Ye took joyfully the spoiling of your goods

B. GIVE GENEROUSLY:

- Pro.21:26b The righteous giveth & spareth not

C. GIVE TILL IT HURTS; NOT JUST WHAT WE CAN SPARE:

2Sam.24:24 Neither will I offer unto the Lord of that which doth cost me nothing [Give even when it "costs"]

Lk.21:4 All these have of their abundance cast in...but she of her penury hath cast in all the living she had

D. GIVE WITH PURE MOTIVES:

1Cor.13:3 Though I bestow all my goods to feed poor, & have not love, it profiteth me nothing

Mat.5:24 Leave thy gift before the altar...first be reconciled

Mat.6:1 Do not your alms before men...otherwise ye have no reward of your Father

Mat.6:2 The hypocrites do (alms)...that they may have glory of men. They have their reward

Mat.6:3 When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what

Lk.6:34,35 Lend, hoping for nothing again; your reward...great

6. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WITHHOLD & DON'T GIVE:

A. IT PUTS EXTRA STRAIN ON OTHERS:

Phi.2:30 He was nigh to death...to supply your lack of service

B. GOD WILL SEE TO IT THAT WE BECOME POOR:

Pro.11:24b There is that withholdeth...but it tendeth to poverty

Pro.13:7a There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing

Pro.28:27 But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse

C. IT SHOWS WE LACK CHRISTIAN LOVE:

Jam.2:15,16 If a brother or sister be naked, & destitute of daily food... & ye give not...what doth it profit?

1Jn.3:17,18 Whoso hath...& seeth his brother have need, & [doesn't give], how dwelleth the love of God in him?

D. WHEN WE GIVE STINGILY OR DISHONESTLY:

2Cor.9:6a He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly

Mal.1:7-10 Ye offer polluted bread...I have no pleasure in you, neither will I accept an offering at your hand

Mal.1:13,14 Ye brought...torn, lame, sick. Should I accept this?
(See also Mal.1:8; Acts 5:1,2,9,10.)

E. BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS & GREED:

Lk.12:15 Beware of covetousness: a man's life consisteth not

1Tim.6:10 The love of money is the root of all evil
Pro.28:16b He that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days
Eccl.5:10 He that loveth silver...not be satisfied with silver
Jam.5:1-5 Your gold & silver is cankered; & the rust of them shall be a witness against you
(See also Eccl.5:13,15; Acts 5:1-10.)

7. TITHING:

A. GIVING 10% OF OUR INCOME TO GOD'S WORK:

Lev.27:30 All the tithe of the land...is the Lord's: it is holy
Num.18:21 Behold, I have given the (Levites) all the tenth...for their service (work) which they serve
Num.18:24 The tithes...which they offer unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites [God's fulltime workers]
Deut.14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase [income]
(See also Deut.12:19; Neh.10:37-39.)

B. GOD WILL BLESS US FOR TITHING:

Deut.14:28,29 Thou shalt bring forth all the tithe...that the Lord may bless thee in all the work of thine hand
Pro.3:9,10 Honour the Lord with...all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty
Mal.3:10 Bring ye all the tithes...& I will open the windows of Heaven, & pour you out a blessing
Mal.3:8-11 [God grants protection & freedom from curses]

C. SETTING ASIDE OUR TITHE ON A FREQUENT BASIS:

1Cor.16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him

D. FREEWILL OFFERINGS ABOVE OUR 10% TITHE--BELIEVERS ENCOURAGED TO GIVE FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Exo.35:5 Take...an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it (See vs.21,22)
2Ki.12:4,5, 9-12 [Freewill offerings encouraged for the work of God]

8. OTHER ASPECTS OF GIVING:

A. GIFTS CAN HELP OBTAIN A MAN'S FAVOUR OR FORGIVENESS:

Pro.19:6 Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts
Pro.21:14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger...& strong wrath

(Warning: see Pro.17:23)

B. WHEN NOT TO ACCEPT GIFTS:

- Exo.23:8 Take no gift [with "strings attached"]: for the gift blindeth the wise, & perverteth the... righteous
- Num.22:18 If Balak would give me his house full of...gold, I cannot go beyond the Word of the Lord
- 1Ki.13:7-10 [Young prophet refused gifts from disobedient king]
- 2Ki.5:15,16 [Elisha refused Naaman's money, but Gehazi coveted it --vs.20-27] Is it a time to receive money?
- (Re: bribes, see Deut.16:19; Pro.29:4; Eccl.7:7.)

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