

# Principles of Giving

“Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.” – Exodus 25:2

**Principle: God commands that His people offer unto Him.**

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” – Luke 6:38

**Principle: There is a blessing to those who give.**

“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” – 2 Corinthians 8:12

**Principle: God accepts our giving on the basis of what we have, not what we don't have.**

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”  
– 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Principle: God appreciates offerings given with a cheerful heart.**

“He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.” – Proverbs 28:27

**Principle: God will provide for those who give to the needs of others.**

“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.”  
– Matthew 6:1

**Principle: We are to give unobtrusively, without calling attention to our gift.**

“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.”  
– 1 Corinthians 13:3

**Principle: Giving without love is valueless to the giver.**



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- T F If you have enough money, you will definitely be happy.
- T F God wants us to ignore money and all money issues.
- T F Having material wealth proves that God is blessing a person.
- T F God blesses those who honor Him with their substance.
- T F The word *tithe* means "fifteen percent."
- T F God does not need our money, so it is not important whether we pay tithes or not.
- T F Tithing was a law under the Old Testament and does not apply to us today.
- T F Because love should be spontaneous, we should not be systematic in giving.
- T F If I am in debt, I should tithe anyway.
- T F If I disagree with the way the church spends money, I should not pay my tithes.
- T F Children, widows, housewives, and others with small incomes should not tithe.
- T F It is better for me to pay my tithes in one lump sum at the end of the year.
- T F If I sing in the choir, I don't have to tithe because I am working for free.
- T F It is okay to give regularly to special projects and not to tithe.
- T F Offerings are extra money given beside our tithes.
- T F God has promised that if we give, we will receive "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."
- T F It is important to give with the motive of receiving more.
- T F When we pay tithes and offerings, God always blesses us financially.
- T F If we pay tithes and are good stewards of the money God has given us, He can make that money reach farther than we think possible.



# ANSWERS

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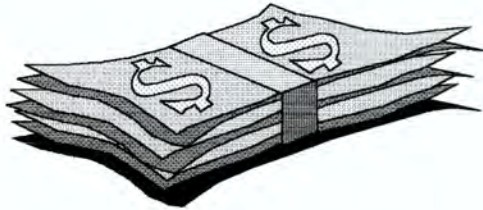
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Read 1 Timothy 6:10. What do we spend our money on?

How does having money make us feel?

When our focus is on our own wealth can we be focused on God?

God wants the financial area of our lives to also be committed to Him. If we view our assets as being His how does this change our use of His money?

Whether we have much or little do you think it is still important to give all we have to God?



# BE A GIVER!

**List some things God has blessed you with.**

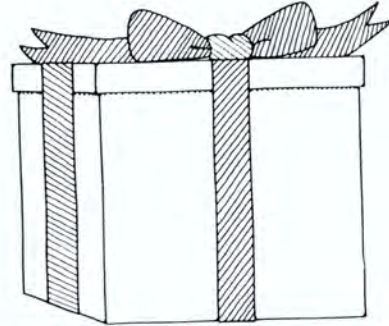
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**What does the key verse mean? “Give, and it shall be given unto you” (Luke 6:38). Circle the letter beside the right answer.**

- a. You will be blessed in your heart for giving.
- b. God will make you a very rich person if you give.
- c. God loves rich people more than poor people.

**What is the best gift you can give to Jesus?**

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**What is a tithes box?**

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OUR LIVES ARE BLESSED WITH MANY THINGS INCLUDING THOSE THINGS WE ENJOY AT CHURCH. IN THE BOX BELOW WRITE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU ENJOY AT CHURCH.



**THESE MATERIAL BLESSINGS REQUIRE \$!!!**

**GOD KNEW THE CHURCH WOULD NEED \*\*\*\*\* TO FUNCTION SO HE INSTRUCTED US TO PAY 10% OF OUR INCOME TO THE CHURCH. THIS IS WHAT WE OWE!**

**MANY PEOPLE HAVE FOUND IT A GREAT BLESSING TO GIVE MORE THAN THE REQUIRED AMOUNT AND GIVE OFFERINGS. PART OF THAT BLESSING COMES FROM GIVING CHEERFULLY!**

THE YOUNG MAN IN OUR TEXT OF MATTHEW 19:16-22 HAD KEPT THE COMMANDMENTS BUT FELT BAD WHEN JESUS TOLD HIM WHAT HE NEEDED TO DO.

WHAT DID JESUS TELL HIM TO DO? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY DO YOU THINK HE FELT BAD? \_\_\_\_\_