

Discipleship Series Bible Study

Lesson 5

Giving

... What Does the Bible Say About Giving?

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (II Cor.9:7)

INTRODUCTION

- Giving is Intentional
- Not Giving is DISOBEDIENCE – “so let him give...”

ILLUSTRATION: If “money talks” as the saying goes, what does the church treasury say about you.

THREE CATEGORIES OF GIVING

- TITHING
 - **One Tenth** of your income
 - It goes nowhere but to your local church
 - It is not a gift; it already belongs to the Lord
 - In the Bible you Find Tithing:
 - Before the Law (Gen.14:18-20)
 - Under the Law (Mal.3:8-10)
 - N.T. before Calvary (Luke11:42)
- OFFERING: Something you choose to give above the tithe
 - Through the local church directly to the need
 - Example: Missions offering
- SACRIFICIAL GIVING: This offering, as its name indicates, may *hurt* to give
 - The widow’s mite (Mk.12:42-44)
 - Contrast: Judas’ greed (Jn.12:5)
- “*collection for the saints*” is to be brought into the church on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:1-2)
- Give
 - TIME
 - TALENT
 - TREASURE

Luke 6:38 – 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.

ILLUSTRATION: The Financial Condition of the World
 50% of the world lives on less than \$2.00/day.
 1 billion don't have enough money to learn to read or write.
 ~790 million don't have enough to eat on a regular basis.
 Over 1 billion don't have adequate access to water.
 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.
 30,000 children die each day due to poverty.

I. WHAT TO GIVING

A. Our Bodies Romans 12:1-2

B. Ourselves – completely to the things of God (II Cor.8:5)

I Timothy 4:15 – Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

C. Attendance to the Word

I Timothy 4:13 – Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

D. Heed to What We Have Heard

Hebrews 2:1 – Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

E. Ourselves Continually to Prayer I Thes.5:17

Acts 6:4 – But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

F. Thanks for Everything I Thes.5:18

G. Money to the Lord (II Cor.8:2-4)

ILLUSTRATION: The trouble is that too many people are spending money they haven't yet earned for things they don't need to impress people they don't like.

II. HOW TO GIVING

A. Systematically

*I Corinthians 16:2 – Upon the **first day** of the week let **every one** of you lay by him in store, **as God hath prospered** him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

B. Individually I Cor.16:2

C. Proportionately I Cor.16:2

1. Tithes
 - a. **Specific - 1/10**
 - b. Instituted before the law
 - c. Abraham tithed
2. Offerings
 - a. General
 - b. Give beyond the tithe

D. Cheerfully

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

E. Sacrificially (II Cor.8:2)

ILLUSTRATION: The Widow's Mite.
 God measures the gift by what is left over.

1. The Macedonian church referred to in II Cor.8:2 is not a prosperous church giving to a church in a 3rd world country
2. This is a POOR CHURCH on the mission field giving back to the HOME church

III. REWARD OF GIVING

A. You Please God

Philippians 4:18 – But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

B. You Receive a Blessing

Acts 20:35 – I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Luke 6:38 – 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.

C. You Display Genuine Love – you cannot love without giving **Jn.3:16**

D. You Gain Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 6:20 – But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

CONCLUSION

A. If you are Concerned for the Ministry, you will Give

B. If you Support Financially the Work Here at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Here is a SAMPLING of What You Have Done:

1. Taught new converts
2. Knocked on doors and passed out tracts
3. Let people to Christ in India/Cuba/Brazil/etc
4. Preached the gospel and distributed Bibles at the Rescue Mission
5. Taught the Bible to children in S.S
6. Witnessed to Hindus in India/Catholics in Cuba and Brazil/etc
7. Helped men in trouble get right with God
8. Encouraged ministers and churches in Colorado to believe and trust the greatest book in the English Language – AV 1611
9. Encouraged Believers in our congregation and elsewhere
10. Taught the Bible Believers in our congregation