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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GIVING

I. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF GIVING?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I COR 6:19-20 I PET 1:18-19 ROM 12:1 II COR 8:3-5,12

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. You are not your own; you belong to God—both body and spirit. I Cor 6:19-20
2. You were bought with a price—His blood. I Pet 1:18-19
3. Your body is commanded to be a living sacrifice. Rom 12:1
4. God wants you to give him your heart and mind— which includes your resources. II Cor 8:3-5,12

II. WHAT IS THE REASON FOR GIVING?

THE BIBLE SAYS: II COR 8:6-8; 9:8 PHIL 4:17 MATT 6:19-21

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Giving proves the sincerity of our love for Christ. II Cor 8:8
2. Giving is a grace of God. Just like other graces, it needs to be sought and expanded II Cor 8:6-7, 9:8
3. Giving is an investment in heavenly riches, and it gets your eyes off of earthly things which fade away. Phil 4:17; Matt 6:19-21

III. WHERE AM I TO GIVE?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I COR 16:1-3 MAL 3:10 NEH 10:38

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Primary giving is through the local church. I Cor 16:1-3
2. Tithes & offerings are to be brought to the storehouse of God—the church. Gifts to other groups or people should not be at the expense of my local church. Mal 3:10; Neh 10:38

IV. WHAT DOES THIS MONEY GO FOR?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I COR 9:13-14 GAL 6:6 I TIM 5:17-18
PHIL 4:15-16 ACTS 6:1 I TIM 5:9-10,16 II COR 8:4

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. The support and care for the leaders of the church. I Cor 9:13-14 Gal 6:6 I Tim 5:17-18
2. Other worthy works of God are supported through your church. Phil 4:15-16
3. Support for those in the church who are faithful to the church but unable to support themselves. Acts 6:1; I Tim 5:9-16
4. To meet the general needs of the church as determined by the leadership of the church. II Cor 8:4

V. HOW MUCH AM I SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

THE BIBLE SAYS: GEN 14:20; 28:22 LEV 27:30 II CHRON 31:5
NEH 12:44 MAL 3:8, 10 MATT 23:23 II COR 9:6-7; 8:3, 12
I COR 16:1-2 II SAM 24:24 GAL 6:7-9

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

THE TITHE

1. The tithe or 1/10 is first seen before the Law with Abraham. Gen 14:20
2. It continues with Jacob. Gen 28:22
3. It became part of the Mosaic Law. Lev 27:30
4. It was practiced in the time of the kings. II Chron 31:5
5. It was carried on by Nehemiah after the restoration. Neh 12:44
6. It was continued by the prophets. Mal 3:10
7. It was commanded by Jesus. Matt 23:23

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

OFFERINGS

1. Give as generously as you can for this is the key to God's giving to you. II Cor 9:6
2. Give cheerfully as an act of love. II Cor 9:7
3. Offering is not the same as the tithe. Mal 3:8
4. Give as god has prospered you. II Cor 8:12
5. Give regularly and systematically. I Cor 16:1-2
6. Give beyond your capacity to give—there should be both faith & sacrifice in your giving. II Cor 8:3; II Sam 24:24
7. Remember at all times God's principles of sowing & reaping. Gal 6:7-9