

Partnering with Our Treasures

II Corinthians 8:1-15

Our Partnership in the Gospel

- We live the Gospel together.
- We learn the Gospel together.
- We lift the Gospel together.

Two Questions

- Do you trust God?
- How much of what you own belongs to God?

2 Mistaken Ideas

- The church needs my money
- God needs my money

3 New Testament Reasons for Giving

- To support the needs of others (Acts 2:45; Romans 15:25-27)
- To support Christian workers (I Corinthians 9:11-12; I Timothy 5:18)
- To expand Christian outreach (Philippians 4:15-16)

10 Giving Principles

1. Giving is done in spite of our circumstances
2. It is not the amount that matters, it is the attitude
3. God must have first priority
4. Giving is a demonstration of our love for God
5. Christ is our example of a giving attitude
6. We need to be faithful in our giving
7. We need to give as we are able
8. There is a blessing in giving
9. Giving is an act of trust in God
10. Giving is an act of worship and brings glory to God

Takeaways

- *Just as Paul thanked the church in Philippi for partnering with him in the Gospel, I thank you for being a part of GCBC as we partner together in the Gospel.*
- *It is a great honor to partner together and seeing God work the way that He has.*
- *The ability of the local church to carry out its purpose is dependent on the faithfulness of its congregation.*
- *The focus of giving is never about the amount, it is about the attitude.*
- *Our giving is a response to God's grace in our lives.*