

Christianity 101

Giving

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Phil 4:15-¹⁵ And you Philippians know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent gifts for my need several times. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit^[e] that is increasing to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied,^[f] having received from Epaphroditus what you provided—a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- 1) It progresses the Gospel
- 2) It brings great profit
- 3) It pleases your Savior
- 4) It promises more of Christ

BY: 4 Incredible Blessings of Giving

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I. General observations about giving.

A. Talking about giving can be stressful!!!!

*Because it stresses you out

*Stresses me out!

B. Scripture has much to say about our money

“Scripture has a tremendous amount to say about money or material possessions. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables of Jesus deal with money. One out of every ten verses in the New Testament deal with this subject. Scripture has 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but over 2,000 verses on the subject of money.” J. Hampton Keathley III

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C. Jesus had much to say about giving!

--Jesus taught a lot about giving

--Jesus showed us how to use money

--Jesus paid what he owed

Matthew 22:19-22¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” They brought him a denarius.^[a] ²⁰ “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked them.

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they said to him.

Then he said to them, “Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

--Jesus communicated the dangers of money

Matthew 6:19-21 “Don’t store up for yourselves treasures^[a] on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.,²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

--Jesus showed us that by placing God first all needs will be met

Matthew 6:33 **But seek first the kingdom of God^[a] and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.**

--Jesus communicated the rewards of giving

II Cor 9:6 **The point is this:^[a] The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.**

II. **Why don’t some of us not give?**

A. We may think it’s all ours

Psalm 24:1 The earth and everything in it,
the world and its inhabitants,
belong to the LORD;

B. we may simply not trust

Matthew 6:31 So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

C. We may be unaware of what God expects

Close:

“Trust Jesus with our heart and not our money .“The way we handle our money accurately reflects our faith-it’s an outward indicator of what’s going on in our spiritual lives.” Harvey Nowland