

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?
Acts 8:26-40 (NIV)

The Story (Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

- ❖ God SEES what others don't. (Mark 12:41-42)
- ❖ God HONORS sacrifice over show. (Mark 12:43)
- ❖ Giving is an act of FAITH. (Mark 12:44)

A Giving Life

- ❖ Giving is an ATTITUDE. (1 Corinthians 9:7)

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

- ❖ Giving is a BLESSING. (Acts 20:35, Luke 6:38, Proverbs 3:9-10)

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

❖ Giving is an act of WORSHIP. (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 (NIV)