

Practical Ways to FOLLOW Jesus and GROW Spiritually

Matthew 6:1-4; When you do a charitable deed (v.3)...

WORDS: Tithe (tenth), Offering (gift - Ex. 35-36), Alms (charitable deeds).

SCRIPTURES_about financial giving - Leviticus 27:30-34 - Numbers 18:21-26 - Deuteronomy 12:4-7; 14:22-29; 26:12-13 - Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:25 - Malachi 3:8-12 - 1 Corinthians 16 - 2 Corinthians 8-9

THE PRACTICE OF GIVING:

- 1) PURPOSED Do you know why you GIVE?
 - Worship Deut. 12:11 Obedience Malachi 3:8-10 (Rob God) Support the Kingdom of God/People of God Prov. 3:27-35, James 4:17, 2 Cor. 8-9
- 2) **POSTURE** *How do we Give?* Willingly, Generously, Cheerfully 2 Cor. 9:5-7
- 3) **PROPORTIONED -** *How much do we GIVE?* Tithe (tenth), yet NT giving is combined with Generosity and Sacrificially. Mark 12:41-44
- 4) **PLANNED When do we give?** Regularly and willingly to give at church 1 Cor. 16, 2 Cor. 9:7
- 5) **PRIVATE**: <u>What is GIVING?</u> <u>ACT of WORSHIP</u> Matt. 6:1-4 Giving to (through) a church is one way to be anonymous.
- 6) **PUBLIC**: What is GIVING? ACT of COMMUNITY -
- A Charitable deed for the poor, widows, orphans Matt. 6:1, Titus 3:14
- For the Saints, Servants and the Lords house 1 Cor. 16:1, 2 Cor. 9:1 Numb. 18:21, Mal. 3:10,
- 7) PROMISES: What is GIVING? ACT of FAITH Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 9:8

GIVING IS A TEST OF:

- THE HEART - WORSHIP - FAITH - STEWARDSHIP - GRACE - PERSPECTIVE

GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNAL THINGS

<u>Get Started -</u> Prepare Your Heart, Prepare Your Portion - Worship Jesus through Giving

<u>2 Cor. 9:7</u> - So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

