

The Financial Support of The Church Grace Giving Pt. 2 (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

Basic principle about giving: the underlying pattern of giving has been basically the _____ throughout history involving _____ giving (for believers and unbelievers alike) and _____ or grace giving (for believers only).

A. Why should we study the Scriptures about “giving”?

1. Because it is a _____ subject.
2. Because it is a _____ subject.
3. Because it is a _____ subject.

B. Financial Giving Principles:

1. **Financial giving is designed to be an act of your _____ and _____ to God, not to _____ man. (John 4:23-24; 1 Cor. 16:2; Heb. 13:15-16; Matt 6:1-4)**
 - o What must we remember about all that you have materially or financially?
 - 1) That God gave it to you by His sovereign _____.
 - 2) That you are a _____ of what He has given.
 - 3) That you will give an _____ to God of how you have used what He has given you.
 - o Why has God given you what you have financially?
 - 1) To meet _____ needs.
 - 2) To meet the needs of _____.
 - 3) To enjoy it by investing it in what _____ matters.
2. **Financial giving is a means for us to ...**
 - a. _____ to others, especially _____ in financial need. (1 Cor.16:1; 2 Cor. 8:4; Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 5:9-10)
 - b. _____ doctrinally-sound _____ and _____ (1 Tim 5:17-18; Gal 6:6)
 - c. _____ the furtherance of the Gospel and missionary work. (Rom 15:24; Phil. 4:15; 2 John 1:10-11; 3 John 1:5-8; Matt 6:19-21)

3. Financial giving is the privilege and responsibility of _____ believer in Christ, including you. (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7)
- o Is the first issue between a sinner and God the issue of giving?
 - _____, it is a matter of first receiving!
 - o Where do “good works” fit it?
 - Good works are the _____ of salvation, not the _____ for salvation.
4. Financial giving is normally to be carefully _____ giving by you. (1 Cor. 16:2)
- o What does this involve?
 - Planned giving reflects _____, planned participation.
5. Financial giving is to be done _____ by you. (1 Cor. 16:2)
- o What does this assume?
 - Grace giving should become part of a believer’s _____ with the Lord.
6. Financial giving is determined _____ by how the Lord has _____ you. (1 Cor. 16:2)
- o What about OT tithing?
 - Old Testament tithing was primarily connected to Israel’s legal, governmental, priestly, and temple _____. It involved _____ taxation, multiple tithes, and covenant obligations _____ the _____.
7. Financial giving is to be directed primarily toward your _____. (1 Cor. 16:2)
- o Why is this the case?
 - Believers partner together to support _____, _____, and the _____ of the saints.
8. Financial giving should be done with wise _____ and _____ of your funds. (1 Cor. 16:3-4)
- o Who cares?
 - God cares not only about giving, but also about the _____ handling of ministry resources.
9. Financial giving is to be motivated by an understanding of the _____ of God, not _____ or _____. (2 Cor. 8:1, 6, 7, 9)
- o Why is this crucial?

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- Because guilt and gimmicks focus on getting something _____ people, while grace focuses on what God has already given _____ them.

10. Financial giving has more to do with your _____ than the actual amount that you give, resulting in genuine _____. (2 Cor. 8:2)

o Some closing questions for the believer in Christ:

- 1) Do you view your giving as an act of _____ unto the Lord?
- 2) Do you recognize that your material possessions and financial resources are a _____ entrusted to you by God?
- 3) Do you use what God has given you to _____ to others?
- 4) Do you faithfully _____ doctrinally sound pastors and teachers?
- 5) Do you financially _____ the furtherance of the Gospel and missionary work?
- 6) Do you actively participate in giving, or do you view yourself as the _____?
- 7) Do you plan your giving and give _____, or only when prompted?
- 8) Do you give primarily through your _____ church?
- 9) Do you expect the GTBC leadership to exercise _____ stewardship and accountability with the funds entrusted to them?
- 10) Is your giving motivated by the _____ of God or by _____?
- 11) Are you a _____ giver who gives _____?
- 12) Does what we have studied about grace giving _____ to you personally?

o Grace giving is not merely about money, it reveals:

- 1) _____,
- 2) _____
- 3) _____, and
- 4) _____.