

Introduction:

Idol = something or someone we place ultimate value on and look to for fulfillment in life

You don't have to feel guilty about not giving when you are giving according to God's plan!

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Today's Question: How is a true believer's giving different from the person who is not a follower of Jesus?

1. Genuine Christian Giving Has A Different Motive.

Our ultimate motive in giving is to honor God and advance His reputation and kingdom.

A. We give out of humble, grateful, loving hearts

B. We give with missional intent

C. We give with eternal perspective

Matthew 6:19-21, 24; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

D. We give with expectant faith

2 Corinthians 9:6 -

2. Genuine Christian Giving Is Done In A Different Manner.

We don't give according to our emotions, impulses, or surplus, we give according to our faith in God's goodness and provision.

A. We give Systematically.

Genuine Christian generosity begins with giving the first 10% or tithe of our income to the Lord through the local church for its ministry.

Genesis 14:19-24

Hebrews 7:1-10

Deut 14:1-2-29 (Galatians 3:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9-10)

Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 9:13,14

Matthew 23:23

B. We give Sacrificially.

C. We give Spirit-inspired-ly.

Conclusion:

Genuine Christian giving is evidence of God's grace at work in our lives and brings even greater experiences of His grace as we grow in giving.