

BIBLICAL GIVING

Memory Verse

Luke 6:38

"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."

The Bible has much to say about money and how we use it. There are more references to money in scripture than there are to heaven or hell! From its very beginning, scripture indicates that our willing giving of the resources God has provided us with is a vital part of fellowship with Him (see Genesis 4:4). Therefore we would be wise to understand the relationship our giving has to knowing God and extending His Kingdom.

1. There are two basic principles of prosperity recorded in the Bible, one in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament. What are these two principles?

a. (Malachi 3:8-10)

b. (Matthew 6:25-33)

2. What is the tithe? (Genesis 14:17-20, 28:22, Hebrews 7: 2, 5-6)

*** Notice that according to these scriptures, tithing was practiced *BEFORE* the Mosaic Law was instituted.***

3. Where should we give our tithe? (Malachi 3:10)

4. For what is the tithe used? (Malachi 3:10, Numbers 18:21, 24, 1 Corinthians. 9:9-12, 14, 1 Tim. 5:17-18)

5. How was Jesus' ministry supported? (Luke 8:1-3)

6. What does Paul say that those who are taught the word of God are to do? (Galatians 6:6)

The tithe is what we owe God. It is not a gift. In addition to our tithe we are also commanded to give offerings.

7. How is an offering determined? (Exodus 25:2, 35:5)

Note that God tells us in Malachi 3:10 to “test Him” in this. This is the only time in scripture where God tells us to test Him. God takes giving, and His promise to provide for those who give, very seriously.

8. Does the fact that we are not under law but under grace mean we are not supposed to obey the commands of the law? (Matthew 5:17, Luke 16:17)

9. What did Jesus say of tithing under grace? (Matthew 23: 23, Luke 11:42)

Tithing and giving without love is the same as praying, ministering or going to church without love. The fact that these wonderful things can be done with cold hearts and for legalistic reasons does not relieve us of our responsibility to give generously and with love in our hearts because of the grace we have received any more than it relieves us of our responsibility to pray, minister, or go to church!

10. According to what does God meet our needs? (Philippians 4:19)

11. To what measure or proportion will God give to us out of His abundance? (Luke 6:38)

12. How will those who sow sparingly reap? Those who sow generously? (II Corinthians 9:6-8)

13. What should be our attitude toward giving and reason for giving? (II Corinthians 9:7)

14. What will God do to our seed (money) as we practice biblical generosity? (II Corinthians 9:10)

15. For what purpose will He do this? (II Corinthians 9:10-11)

As we give generously God will give us extra resources to be a blessing to others.

16. What is the root of all kinds of evil? (I Timothy 6:10)

17. What can happen to those who desire to be rich? (I Timothy 6:9-10)

18. What are we warned to be on guard against? Of what does life not consist? (Luke 12:15)

19. As riches increase, what must we be careful not to do? (Psalm 62:10)

20. Where will your heart always be? (Matthew 6:21)

21. What are we exhorted to do? (Matthew 6:19-20)

How we handle our finances, especially in terms of giving to God's Kingdom, can reveal much about our love for God, our passion for His Kingdom, and our usefulness to Him.

22. What does Jesus say about our use of money and how it can determine what God is able to trust us with? (Luke 16:10-11)

23. What did Paul tell Timothy to command his disciples? (I Timothy 6:18)

24. What will happen to the generous man? (Proverbs 11:24-25)
