

1Corinthians 16:1-24

Real Life in the Church...Imperfect People Attempting the Perfect Work of God

Focus verses 1-4 Giving

- I. The church needs \_\_\_\_\_ to do its ministry. Money is not the “root of all evil” the \_\_\_\_\_ of money is what is the root of all kinds of evils in the world. 1 Timothy 6:10 Where your treasure is so is your heart Matthew 6:21
  - A. Everything we own or earn comes from the Lord
  - B. Tithing is giving 10% back of what is already God’s. it is an important part of worship. it is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ and even a show of \_\_\_\_\_!
  - C. Most ministry will not get done without money. Ministry expenses are varied and extensive.
  - D. The leaders in church must use the money \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

**HOW MY GIVING REVEALS MY SPIRITUAL MATURITY (by rick Warren)**

*"Just as you excel in everything else... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness... see that you also excel in the grace of giving."* 2 Corinthians 8:7

**WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE**

**7 Benefits to My Life**

**1. GIVING MAKES ME \_\_\_\_\_**  
*God so loved the world that He gave his only Son ..."* John 3:16

**2. GIVING DRAWS ME \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also."* Matthew 6:21

**3. GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!"* 1 Timothy 6:17-19

**4. GIVING STRENGTHENS \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing."* Proverbs 3:5,9  
*"Give and it will be given to you ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38

**5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"... Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven - it is the only safe investment for eternity."* 1 Tim 6:18-19 (LB)

**6. GIVING BLESSES ME \_\_\_\_\_** *"A generous man himself will be blessed."* Proverbs 22:9  
*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."* Proverbs 11:25  
*"Good will come to him who is generous ..."* Psalms 112:5

**7. GIVING \_\_\_\_\_** Acts 20:35  
(Jesus) *"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."*

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "TITHE" AND AN "OFFERING"?**

- A “tithe” is giving \_\_\_\_\_ of my income. It literally means 1/10th
- An “offering” is anything I give \_\_\_\_\_ my tithe.

**WHY SHOULD I TITHE? 8 REASONS FROM GOD'S WORD**

**1. Because God \_\_\_\_\_.** *"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy."* Leviticus 27:30

**2. Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either."*

Matt. 23:23

**3. Tithing demonstrates that God has \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life."* Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

**4. Tithing reminds me that \_\_\_\_\_ was given to me by God!**

*"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth."*

Deuteronomy 8:18

**5. Tithing expresses my \_\_\_\_\_**

*"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?"*

Psalms 116:12

*"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you."*

Deuteronomy 16:17

**6. God says that refusing to tithe is \_\_\_\_\_ from Him!**

*"God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings ... Bring your **whole** tithe to My house.'"* Malachi 3:8-10

**7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove \_\_\_\_\_ and wants to bless you!**

*"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. **Test me in this**" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out **so much blessing** that you won't have room enough for it! I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will be protected from plagues." Malachi 3:10*

**8. Tithing proves that I \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Jesus) *"If you really love me, do what I command."* John 14:15

*"... I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving ... This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words." 2 Corinthians 8:7b - 8 (LB)*

**WHAT SHOULD I TITHE?**

The \_\_\_\_\_ part of what I earn, not the \_\_\_\_\_ *"Honor the Lord by giving him the **first part** of all your income."* Proverbs 3:9-10

**WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY TITHE?**

**WHERE I \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Bring your **whole** tithe to My Storehouse (Temple) ..."*

Malachi 3:10

**WHEN SHOULD I TITHE? \_\_\_\_\_**

*"On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." 1 Cor. 16:2 (LB)*

**How To Remember**

- Create a budget - Acct. #1: My Tithe
- Auto draft or bill pay or pay pal
- Teach your children to tithe

**GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES**

• **GIVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have." 2 Corinthians 9:12*

*"Each one should give **what he has decided in his heart to give**, not reluctantly or under pressure ..." I Corinthians 9:7a*

• **GIVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"... for God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:7*

• **GIVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"They gave as much as they were able, and even **beyond their ability**. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service ..." 2 Corinthians 8:3-4*

• **GIVE \_\_\_\_\_.** *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously." 2*

**Answers: money, love, sacrifice, faith, honestly, wisely, more like God, closer to God, materialism, my faith, in eternity, in return, makes me happy, 10<sup>th</sup>, 10%, above, commands it,**

*commended it, first place, everything, gratitude, stealing, He exists, really love God, first, last/  
leftovers, worship, at church, willingly, joyfully, generously, expectantly*