

# BASIC BIBLE COURSE

## Lesson 13 - God's Plan for Giving

Money is not the important thing in serving God, obedience is. However, it is impossible to carry on God's work without money. It takes money to send missionaries and to pay bills. From the beginning it has been God's plan for God's people to give to carry on His work. Abraham gave tithes (*Tithe* means *ten percent*). Under the Law of Moses, Israel was required to give tithes. In the New Testament we still have a responsibility to carry on God's work with our money.

### Giving is Investing with God.

When we give our money at church to carry on the work, we are not giving it away, but investing it. We are promised blessings here on earth and rewards in heaven.

### Giving brings blessings here on earth.

#### Luke 6:38:

Give, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you; \_\_\_\_\_ measure, \_\_\_\_\_ down, and \_\_\_\_\_ together, and \_\_\_\_\_ over, shall men \_\_\_\_\_ into your bosom. For with the same \_\_\_\_\_ that ye mete withal it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to you again.

### Giving brings rewards in heaven.

#### Matthew 6:19-21:

Lay not up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ doth \_\_\_\_\_, and where \_\_\_\_\_ break through and \_\_\_\_\_: But lay up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, where neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ doth \_\_\_\_\_, and where \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ through nor \_\_\_\_\_: For where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there will your \_\_\_\_\_ be also.

**Assignment:** Read 2 Corinthians chapter 9 and answer these questions.

1. If we sow sparingly, how will we reap? v.6 \_\_\_\_\_
2. If we sow bountifully, how will we reap? v.6 \_\_\_\_\_
3. From where should a man purpose to give? v.7 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of giver does God love? v.7 \_\_\_\_\_

### Giving Recognizes God's Ownership

When we give, we are actually giving back to God that which He has given to us. Everything that we have came from God. Without the health and abilities that God has given us, we would have nothing. When we give from the heart, we acknowledge that God owns everything that we have.

### We are not our own.

#### I Corinthians 6:19-20:

What? know ye not that your \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_? For ye are \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_: therefore \_\_\_\_\_ God in your \_\_\_\_\_, and in your \_\_\_\_\_, which are \_\_\_\_\_.

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**All good things come from God.**

**James 1:17:**

Every \_\_\_\_\_ gift and every \_\_\_\_\_ gift is from \_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ down from the \_\_\_\_\_ of lights, with whom is no \_\_\_\_\_,  
neither \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Assignment:** Read Acts 5:1-11 and answer these questions.

1. What is the name of the man and wife that sold a possession? v.1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did they give all of the money? v.2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. To whom did they lie? v.3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened to Ananias? v.5 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened to his wife? v.10 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What happened to the church as a result of this? v.11 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Giving Should Demonstrate Love, Not Law**

God has never looked to the world to support His work. He has always looked to His people. Giving should be an act of love and gratitude on the part of His people and not the keeping of a law. Under the Law of Moses, Israel was required to give a tenth of their income. In the New Testament we do not find anyone giving less than ten percent, but we find some who gave half or even all they had. They were not giving by law, but by love.

## **Zacchaeus gave half.**

**Luke 19:8:**

And \_\_\_\_\_ stood, and said unto the \_\_\_\_\_; Behold, Lord, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_; and if I  
have \_\_\_\_\_ any thing from any man by \_\_\_\_\_ accusation, I \_\_\_\_\_  
him \_\_\_\_\_.

## **A widow gave her all.**

**Luke 21:3-4:**

And he said, Of a \_\_\_\_\_ I say unto you, that this \_\_\_\_\_ hath  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ than they all: For all these have of their \_\_\_\_\_ cast  
in unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: but she of her \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ in all the  
\_\_\_\_\_ that she had.

**Assignment:** Read Luke 19:1-10 and answer these questions.

1. What was Zacchaeus financial condition? v.2 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why could he not see Jesus? v.3 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did he do to see Jesus? v.4 \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did he receive Jesus into his house? v.6 \_\_\_\_\_
5. How much did Zacchaeus say he would restore if he had taken anything by false accusation?  
v.8 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Jesus come to seek and to save? v.10 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Giving Should be Systematic and Proportionate

When we say that giving should be systematic, we mean that it should be done on a regular basis - every week. When we say that giving should be proportionate, we mean that it should be a certain part of our income. That means that our giving must be planned ahead of time in our heart. We must decide how much we will give and how often we will give it.

## Giving is to be regular.

### I Corinthians 16:2:

Upon the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the \_\_\_\_\_ let every one of you \_\_\_\_\_ by him in \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ him, that there be no \_\_\_\_\_ when I come.

## Giving should be from the heart.

### 2 Corinthians 9:7:

Every man \_\_\_\_\_ as he purposeth in his \_\_\_\_\_, so let him \_\_\_\_\_; not \_\_\_\_\_, or of necessity: for God \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.

**Assignment:** Read Acts 11:27-30 and answer these questions.

1. What did Agabus say was coming? v.28 \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did the disciples determine to send relief to those in Judaea? v.29 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who carried the money to Jerusalem? v.30 \_\_\_\_\_

## Giving is Not a Matter of How Much We Have

God does not expect us to give what we do not have. God does expect us to give of what we have, even if it is little. It is not how much we give, but how we give. If God cannot trust us in small matters, like giving, He will not trust to us greater things.

## It is important to be faithful in little.

### Luke 16:10-11:

He that is \_\_\_\_\_ in that which is \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ also in \_\_\_\_\_: and he that is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ also in \_\_\_\_\_. If therefore ye have not been \_\_\_\_\_ in the unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ who will \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_ the true \_\_\_\_\_?

## It does not matter what a man does not have.

### 2 Corinthians 8:12:

For if there be \_\_\_\_\_ a willing \_\_\_\_\_ it is accepted \_\_\_\_\_ to that a man \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ to that he hath \_\_\_\_\_.

**Assignment:** Read Mark 12:41-44 and answer these questions.

1. Who was watching the people cast their money into the treasury? v.41 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who cast in much money? v.41 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How much money did the widow give? v.42 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who did Jesus say gave the most? v.43 \_\_\_\_\_
5. How much did Jesus say the widow gave? v.44 \_\_\_\_\_

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