

# Giving to God

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## Four Keys To Keep to Trusting God in our Giving

### I. Understand Why I Should Give

#### It's the right thing to do

**Malachi 3:8** — Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

#### It supports on-going ministry

**II Corinthians 10:9:12** — For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

#### It gives God glory

**I Corinthians 9:13** — By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others,

#### It acknowledges God as Provider

**I Timothy 6:17** — As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

#### It robs money of it's power

**Matthew 6:24** — "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

#### It cultivates contentment

**Proverbs 30:8,9** — Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God

#### It advances God's kingdom

**Luke 16:9-12** — And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?"

### II. Understand where I should give

#### Tithes go to the local church

**I Corinthians 9:11-14** — If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? 12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Never the less, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. 13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? 14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel

#### Gifts and offerings are beyond the tithe

**Philippians 4:18** — I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

### III. Understand how and how much I should give

**I Corinthians 16:1,2** — Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

#### Put God first

**Proverbs 3:9,10** — Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

#### Cheerfully

**II Corinthians 9:6,7** — The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### IV. Understand God's Promise to those who give

**Matthew 6:33,34** — But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is it's own trouble.