

Giving

LEARNING...

The Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, has much to say to us about the subject of giving. Using the Bible texts referred to, answer the following questions.

1. Why should a Christian be a giving person?

a. John 3:16, 1 John 3:17

b. John 14:15, 15:12

c. Romans 12:1

d. Luke 12:33

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2. Whose money are we giving away? Deut. 8:18, Haggai 2:8, 1 Cor. 4:7

3. To whom should we give?

a. Malachi 3:8-10

b. Luke 14:12-14

c. What interesting fact do we notice in Matthew 25:40 that ties the two above passages together?

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4. What qualities should be typical of your giving? List them and memorize the list.

- a. II Corinthians 9:6
- b. II Corinthians 9:7
- c. Matthew 6:1-4
- d. II Samuel 24:24

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5. What day is a good day for giving? Why? I Corinthians 16:2

6. How much should you give?

a. Luke 6:38, II Corinthians 9:6 _____

b. Mark 12:41-44 _____

c. Luke 12:48 _____

d. I Timothy 6:7 _____

e. II Corinthians 8:9 _____

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7. What dangers are ever present with the matter of money?

a. Ecclesiastes 5:10, 11

b. II Timothy 6:10 _____

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8. Define each of the following terms:

a. Tithe

b. Offering

c. Firstfruits

9. Explain the value and importance of giving "firstfruits."

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DOING...

1. Arrange to visit with one of the deacons from your church for an interview. Ask if it is permissible to obtain a copy of your church's current financial budget. In your interview ask him these questions and write the answers down on a separate sheet of paper:

a. As a deacon in our church, what work does your job involve?

b. Why should we give money to missions, poor people etc. through the local church? Why not just give our money directly to the various agencies and organisations as we sense their needs?

c. Why do we need deacons, or church officials, to do the work that you do? Couldn't it be done by individuals?

d. (Go over the church budget with the deacon and determine . . .

1) What percentage of our budget is used in helping the poor? Do we differentiate between helping the poor of our congregation and the poor of our community?

- 2) What percentage of our budget is used in missions?
 - 3) What percentage of our budget is used on church programs?
 - 4) What percentage of our budget is used on our own building and property?
 - 5) What do these percentages tell you about your church's priorities?
- e. Discuss with the deacon. Is there anything that you or he think should be changed, as far as the church's giving is concerned?

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2. Giving should be a habit. A good habit. One that brings cheer to the giver. Begin a program of regular giving to your church. Decide how much you want to give to God, paying it out of your allowance, your savings, or whatever income you might have. As the Scriptures say, this giving may be done in secret. Only you and God need to know the facts. Continue your giving for three weeks. When you have completed the three weeks of regular giving, sign the line below, and turn it in to your Counselor. Then continue the good habit that you have started.

I have begun a program of regular giving in support of my church and have kept it up faithfully for at least three weeks.

Signed: _____

Passed by: _____ Date: _____

MERIT BADGE COMPLETED ON: _____

PASSED BY: _____

COMPLETED AS: _____

_____ Individual Merit Badge

_____ Cadre Merit Badge