

“Give!”

Selected Scriptures

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1. God owns everything and needs nothing.

“God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)

“The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1)

“Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him” (Psalm 115:3)

“God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth...is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else” (Acts 17:24-25)

2. God has chosen to work through people.

“fill the earth and subdue it; rule over [it]...” (Genesis 1:28)

“God said, ‘I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians...So, now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people ...out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:8, 10)

“all that Jesus began to do...” (Acts 1:1)

“to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work in us...” (Ephesians 3:20)

“we are God’s fellow-workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9)

3. God has commanded believers to give.

“Jesus said...give” (Luke 6:20, 38)

“set aside a sum of money in keeping with [your] income” (1 Corinthians 16:2)

“give generously...share with God’s people who are in need” (Romans 12:8)

“Honor the LORD with your wealth” (Proverbs 3:10)

“see that you excel in...giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

4. “Tithe” means “tax” and is not commanded of the Church in the New Testament.

5. Give to God first.

“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops” (Proverbs 3:9)

“seek first the kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33)

“Ananias...kept back part of the money for himself” (Acts 5:2)

6. Give to God regularly.

*“Honor the LORD with your wealth...[from] **all** your crops” (Proverbs 3:9)*

*“On the first day of **every week**, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...” (1 Corinthians 16:2)*

7. Give to God freely.

“the Macedonian churches...gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability” (2 Corinthians 8:2-3)

“according to your means” (2 Corinthians 8:11)

“as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given” (2 Corinthians 9:5)

“Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (1 Corinthians 9:7)

8. Give to God wisely.

“We want to avoid criticism of the way we administer this generous gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men” (2 Corinthians 8:20-21)

“put it at the Apostle’s feet” (Acts 5:2)

“as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it” (2 Corinthians 8:23-24)

“the overseer must be above reproach...not a lover of money....Deacons, likewise, are to be men...not pursuing dishonest gain” (1 Timothy 3:2, 3, 8)

“Jesus replied...I will build My church” (Matthew 16:18)

9. Give to God confidently.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way...” (2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, 10-11)

“the LORD declares...Those who honor Me I will honor” (1 Samuel 2:30)

“Honor the LORD with your wealth...then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine” (Proverbs 3:9-10)

“Give and it will be given to you—a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap” (Luke 6:38)

10. Give to God worshipfully (Acts 5:1-11).

“your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God...” (2 Corinthians 9:11-15)

11. Biblical giving pleases God.

“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)