

Giving Tithes and Offerings

How important is giving...?

Rebekah gave according as the Lord said a damsel should give...

Genesis 24

¹⁹ And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

...so she became the wife of Abraham's son Isaac

Hiram loved King David and delighted in that God had given him a son, Solomon, who had such wisdom...

I would give trees of Lebanon delivered to the location of his choice...

1 Kings 5

⁷ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

⁸ And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

... if Solomon would give food to his household...

1 Kings 5

⁹ My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

¹⁰ So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.

¹¹ And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

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Ezra 3 ...in Praise...

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

¹¹ And they sang together by course in praising and **giving thanks** unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Luke 17 ...worshipful

¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

¹⁶ And fell down on his face at his feet, **giving him thanks**: and he was a Samaritan.

Speaking of Abraham...

Romans 4 ...faithful

¹⁹ And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, **giving glory to God**;

²¹ And being **fully persuaded** that, what he had promised, **he was able also to perform**.

Ephesians 5 ...acknowledgement of Revelation...

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather **giving of thanks**.

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, **who is an idolater**, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5

²⁰ **Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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Philippians 4 ...giving should be unto necessity...

¹⁴ Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

¹⁵ Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church **communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving**, but ye only.

¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again **unto my necessity**.

Ephesians 4

²⁸ Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to **give to him that needeth**.

Colossians 3 ...and when we give in word or deed ...give thanks

¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Hebrews 13 ...giving should be sacrificial...

¹⁴ For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God continually, that is, the **fruit of our lips giving** thanks to his name.

¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

We are not talking specifically about stewardship...

1 Corinthians 4

¹ Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1 Corinthians 4

² Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Peter 4

¹⁰ As every man hath received **the gift**, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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1 Chronicles 16

²⁹ Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: **bring an offering**, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psalm 37

²¹ The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and **giveth**.

Proverbs 21

²⁵ The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

²⁶ He coveteth greedily all the day long: but **the righteous giveth and spareth not**.

Proverbs 22

⁹ He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for **he giveth of his bread to the poor**.

Proverbs 22

¹⁶ He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and **he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want**.

Proverbs 28

²⁷ **He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack**: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

Romans 12

⁸ Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: **he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity**; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Simplicity – NT:572 – haplotēs (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal): KJV - bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness.

...from – NT:573 – haplous (hap-looce'); probably from NT:1 (as a particle of union) and the base of NT:4120; properly, folded together, i.e. single (figuratively, clear): KJV - single.

Dissimulation – NT:505 – anupokritos (an-oo-pok'-ree-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of NT:5271; undissembled, i.e. sincere:

KJV - without dissimulation (hypocrisy), unfeigned.

Proverbs 19

⁶ Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that **giveth gifts**.

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Matthew 5

⁴¹ And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

⁴² **Give to him that asketh thee**, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

⁴³ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

⁴⁴ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

⁴⁶ For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

⁴⁷ And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

⁴⁸ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 10 ...something as simple as a drink of water is rewarded...

⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Luke 6 ...if sued for stuff give and ask it not back again...

²⁹ And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

³⁰ **Give to every man that asketh of thee**; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

³¹ And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

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Money

Malachi 3

⁷ Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

⁸ **Will a man rob God?** Yet ye have robbed [defrauded] me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? **In tithes and offerings.**

⁹ Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Tithes – Tenth

Offerings – OT:8641 – eruwmah (ter-oo-maw'); or terumah (Deut 12:11) (ter-oo-maw'); from OT:7311; a present (as offered up), especially in sacrifice or as tribute:

KJV - gift, heave offering ([shoulder]), oblation, offered (-ing).

Luke 21 ...sacrificial...

³ And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

⁴ For all these have **of their abundance cast in unto the offerings** of God: but **she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.**

Penury – NT:5303 – husterema (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from NT:5302; a deficit; specifically, poverty:

KJV - that which is behind, (that which was) lack (-ing), penury, want.

...from – NT:5302 – hustereo (hoos-ter-eh'-o); from NT:5306; to be later, i.e. (by implication) to be inferior; generally, to fall short (be deficient):

KJV - come behind (short), be destitute, fail, lack, suffer need, (be in) want, be the worse.

Hebrews 7 ..unto Melchisedec

⁴ Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the **patriarch Abraham gave the tenth** of the spoils.

Genesis 14

²⁰ And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he **gave him tithes of all.**

Numbers 18 ...intended for the support of the administrators...

²⁴ But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

Deuteronomy 26

¹² When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

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Luke 18 ...not giving in humility...

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

¹² I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

¹³ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Hebrews 7 ...no one is above giving...Abraham who received tithes also tithed...

⁴ Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

⁵ And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

⁶ But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

Hebrews 7

⁹ And as I may so say, **Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.**

Faithful...

Malachi 3 ...tithes

¹⁰ **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

1 Corinthians 16 ...offerings

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

² **Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store**, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

³ And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

Acts 3

⁶ Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

2 Corinthians 9

⁶ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for **God loveth a cheerful giver.**

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all **sufficiency** in all things, may abound to every good work:

Sufficiency – NT:841 – autarkeia (ow-tar'-ki-ah); from NT:842; self-satisfaction, i.e. (abstractly) contentedness, or (concretely) a competence: KJV - contentment, sufficiency.

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Matthew 6

²Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Alms – NT:1654 – eleemosune (el-eh-ay-mos-oo'-nay); from NT:1656; compassionateness, i.e. (as exercised towards the poor) beneficence, or (concretely) a benefaction: KJV - alms (-deeds).
...from – compassion

³But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

⁴That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Fallacy... “By Giving God will return a hundred fold”...

Genesis 26

¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an **hundredfold**: and the LORD blessed him.

¹³And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

2 Samuel 24:3

And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an **hundredfold**, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

Matthew 13:8

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an **hundredfold**, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an **hundredfold**, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 19:29

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an **hundredfold**, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mark 10:30

But he shall receive an **hundredfold** now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Luke 8:8

And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an **hundredfold**. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jude 1

⁴For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Planting seeds of faith...hasn't anything to do with money...
Nor is it in the Bible
Or return on investment...the offering...or the tithes...
God gives increase to whom he will...

Certainly giving the tithes...is good because it is not yours...it is the Lord's tithes...
Certainly giving offerings...is good because it is yours to give willingly for the necessity of the saints first...

Fallacy..."Faith promise"...

Numbers 30

² If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Deuteronomy 23

²¹ When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

Ephesians 4

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the **vanity of their mind**,

¹⁸ Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

¹⁹ Who **being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness**, to work all uncleanness with **greediness**.

²⁰ But **ye have not so learned Christ**;

Enjoy all that God has given you...
But remember...

Leviticus 27

³⁰ And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD.

2 Corinthians 9

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We give the tithes because we are good stewards and not robbers...

We give because we can and God gives us ability that our cup overflows to give liberally...cheerfully generously...