

Giving back to God

Lesson 7

I. Who?

- Every believer in the church.

II Corinthians 1:2; 9:7

Some people say, "I can't afford to give!" However, nowhere in the Bible does God ever excuse anyone from giving.

- In the Old Testament, Israel was commanded to give on a percentage basis.

Leviticus 27:30,32

- Concerning offering, provision was made so that the poor could give.

Luke 2:24; Leviticus 12:6-8

II. Why?

- A. It pleases God.

II Corinthians 9:7

- B. It profits us.

Luke 6:38

- C. It provides for the operation of the church.

I Corinthians 9:13,14; I Timothy 5:17

III. How? (II Corinthians 9:6,7)

- A. We should give bountifully.

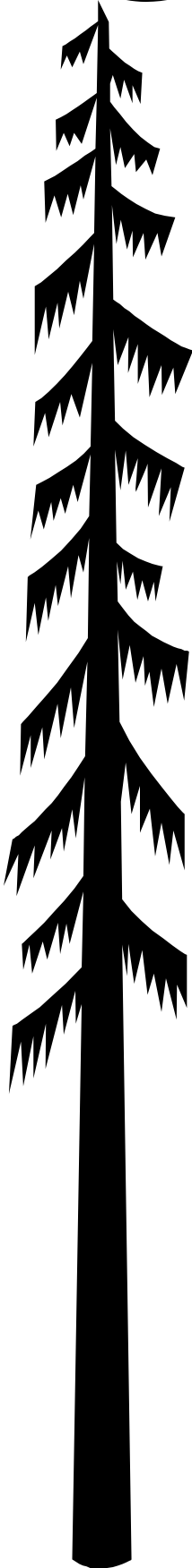
- We should give at least 10% of our income to the church that ministers to us.

I Corinthians 9:13,14

- B. We should give from the heart.

- C. We should give cheerfully.

- The word that is translated as "cheerful" is the Greek word *hilaros* which is where we get the English word hilarious.



D. We should give humbly.
Matthew 6:1-4

IV. When?

- As soon as God blesses us with increase we should honour Him with a portion of it.

Proverbs 3: 9,10

V. Where?

A. Our giving should flow through the local church.

I Corinthians 16:1-3

B. We should give where we are ministered to.

I Corinthians 9:13,14

Three Types of Giving

- Church Giving (I Corinthians 9:13,14)
- Missions Giving (II Corinthians 8:1-5)
- Special Giving (I Chronicles 29:3-9; Matthew 6:20,21)

Right Thinking About Giving

Read Matthew 25:14-28

- Out of the three servants, the only one that was rebuked, was the servant who did nothing with what his master had given to him.
- To whom much is given, much is required.
- All of our resources should be used for God's glory. (Revelation 4:11)

The Ultimate Example (John 3:16)

- For God so loved the world that he gave.

