



GROWING



But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

II Peter 3:18

Giving Back to God



Harvest
Baptist Church

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Sunday	10:00am
Sunday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm

- 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.



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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.

Course Outline



- ### Gift of Eternal Life
- Salvation by Grace
 - Eternal Security
 - Assurance



- ### Relationship with God
- Baptism
 - Communication
 - Fellowship



- ### Only One God
- The Triune God
 - Father
 - Son
 - Holy Spirit



- ### Word of God
- Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - Inspiration



- ### Identification with Christ
- Our rival
 - Our responsibility
 - Our reward



- ### Need of the Nations
- Go
 - Tell
 - Train



- ### Giving Back to God
- Church Giving
 - Missions Giving
 - Special Giving

For where your treasure is, there
will your heart be also.

According to verse 33 what we suppose to seek
first? The kingdom of God and his righteousness
Day 47

Read Philippians 4:10-23
Fill in the blanks for Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your
need according to his riches in
glory by Christ Jesus.

According to verse 17 why did Paul ask the
church at Philippi to give to his ministry?
Not because he desired a gift, but he desired
fruit that would abound to their account.
Day 48

Read II Corinthians 8:1-9

According to verse 2, what was the financial
state of the church in Macedonia? _____
deep poverty

According to verse 5, the church in Macedonia
was able to give more than Paul expected be-
cause they first gave what? _____
their own selves
Day 49

Read Acts 20:30-38

According to Jesus in verse 35, what is more
blessed than receiving? _____
to give





Day 44

Read Luke 6:30-38
(the word "mete" in verse 38 means "to give out" or "distribute")

According to verse 38 what do we have to do before we can receive? give

According to the last sentence in verse 38 what determines the measure of how much we receive? how much we give

Day 45

Read II Corinthians 9:6-15

According to II Corinthians 9:6 what will happen if we sow sparingly? we will reap sparingly

According to II Corinthians 9:6 what will happen if we sow bountifully? we will reap bountifully

Fill in the blanks for II Corinthians 9:7

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

Day 46

Read Matthew 6:19-34

According to verse 20 where are we suppose to lay up treasure? in heaven

Fill in the blanks for Matthew 6:21

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Introduction

"For God so loved the world that he gave..."

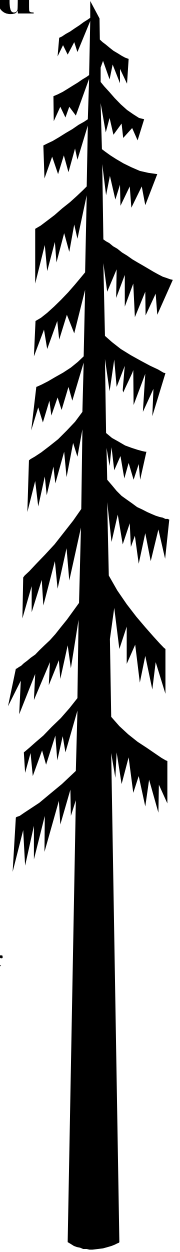
-John 3:16

One of the greatest ways that we can show someone our love is when we give. This is an extremely important aspect of our relationship with God, and is one of the many ways that we can worship Him. Many people become vexed when churches talk about money, but the truth of the matter is that the Bible speaks often about money. Consider the following statistics:

Jesus talked a great deal about money. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of 10 verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions.

- Howard Dayton, Jr.

As you will learn in this lesson, the Bible indicates that we should give at least ten percent of our income to the local church that ministers to us. However, our giving should go above and beyond mere financial contributions. Our gifts to God should also include our time and our talents. In short, God wants us to step into the of-





fering basket and give ourselves. When we put ourselves in the offering basket, then God gets it all . . . our time, our talents and our wallets. Why would any believer not want to give something back to God, after He has given so much to us?

One of the clearest illustrations of this, was given by my pastor during a Sunday morning service. The theme of the sermon was giving and toward the end of the message he had arranged for a bag of hot McDonald's French fries to be brought to him. As the staff member brought the bag into the auditorium the delightful aroma quickly permeated the building. My pastor then invited his junior age daughter to the platform. He explained that he had purchased the fries, and that they were his, but that he wanted to give them to her because he loved her. She sat down on the step beside her dad and started eating them. He then asked his daughter,

"Can I have one?"

"No!"

"Just one?"

"No, they're my fries!"

How ungrateful! He gave her the fries, and he didn't want them all back just a portion! However, sometimes believers are guilty of having the same kind of attitude with God. All of our resources are given to us by Him, and He only ask that we give back a portion. How selfish and ungrateful it would be for us to refuse to give back to God!

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Daily Bible Read-

Memory Verse

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

- II Corinthians 9:7

Day 43

Read Malachi 3:7-15

(The word "tithe" represents an offering to God of 10%)

Malachi was a prophet who presented God's messages to Israel. According to verse 8, God viewed Israel's failure to pay tithe and offering as:

A. the right thing to do.

B. not a big deal.

C. robbing Him.

Fill in the blanks for Malachi 3:10

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.

