

Fundamentals of the Faith #12
Worship: Giving
2 Cor 9:6-8
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Thesis: I want to show what the Bible says about giving.

Intro:

1. Anytime you talk about something that effects someone's pocketbook it becomes sensitive.
2. We discussing such matters we must remember that pleasing God is all that matters.

I. All things are God's and we must be faithful stewards of those things.

1. Everything belongs to God (**1 Cor 10:26**)
2. You came into this world with nothing (**1 Tim 6:7**)
3. We are God's Stewards (**Mt 16:24-26**)
4. We are to be good stewards, faithful stewards (**1 Cor 4:2**)
5. The Jerusalem church sold and gave to the church, the attitude is an encouraging one (**Acts 4:32-37**)

II. Why should a Christian give? Because...

1. God's love for man (**Jn 3:16**)
2. Life itself is from the Lord (**James 4:14-15**)
3. God's Word teaches us to give (**Mt 6:1-4**)
4. The early church set an example (**1 Cor 16:1-2**)

III. How should the Christian give?

1. Regularly (**1 Cor 16:1-2**)
2. As Prospered (**1 Cor 16:1-2**)
3. Liberally (**2 Cor 9:6**)
4. Cheerfully (**2 Cor 9:7**)
5. Give themselves to God first, others second (**2 Cor 8:5**)

IV. Blessing are promised to those who are faithful stewards.

1. Blessed to give (**Acts 20:35**)
2. Give & it will be given to you (**Lk 6:38**)

Conc:

1. When we can give as we have prospered, let's remember we should do so to the BEST of our ability. (**Mk 12:41-44**).
2. When we do what pleases God, then our hearts will be right before Him.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.