

BEING BLESSED BY GIVING

ACTS 20:32-35

*"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is **more blessed to give than to receive.**' "*

1. The perfect example of giving is Jesus Christ

"Who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father" Galatians 1:4

"Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2:14

2. Give to God on Sunday, in keeping with your income.

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up so that when I come no collections will have to be made." I Corinthians 16:2

3. Giving is expressing thanks to God.

"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in my expressions of thanks to God." II Corinthians 9:12

1. Give willingly, not under pressure.

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." II Corinthians 8:12

2. Give generously and God will also give to you generously.

"Remember this: who ever shows sparingly will also reap sparingly and who ever shows generously will also reap generously" II Corinthians 9:6

3. Give according to the decision in your heart, not reluctantly but cheerfully.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7

7. Ten percent of your income already belongs to God.

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 3:8-12

8. Now you may give all to God

“Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 12:1

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you? Whom you have received from God? You are not Your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” I Corinthians 19-20