



GIVING

HO-HUM WORSHIP

Giving is often the most Ho-Hum part of our worship.

GIVING IS WORSHIP

Giving is the most difficult part of our worship to prevent the Ho Hum feeling

Many see giving – not as worship – but a necessary thing to pay the bills and maintain the building

Giving IS worship – It expresses to God our gratitude for his blessings toward us

GIVING IS WORSHIP

Sacrifices under the Law of Moses were gifts

Numbers 18:11a This also *is* yours: the heave offering of their gift

Hebrews 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

GIVING IS WORSHIP

Wise men came to worship Jesus with gifts

Matthew 2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

GIVING IS WORSHIP

Philippians 4:18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

Giving is worship.

God is pleased with our gifts.

STUDY 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: ² On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

COMMANDED

Order – military term where a superior gives and order / command

Do Also – requires action, response, motion

SPECIFIED TIME

Every Sunday – first day of the week

Preposition (kata in Greek) – every

Acts 15:21 – preach in every city

Luke 2:41 – every year at feast of Passover

New English Bible – “Every Sunday”

INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION

Each of you – individually

One may put in the check or cash – but all are involved in the decision

Parents – teach your children to give – out of their allowance, mow lawns, babysit, have a job

Lay by = at home set this money aside, reserve

CHURCH TREASURY

Under the Law of Moses

Malachi 3:10a Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house

Mark 12:41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much.

CHURCH TREASURY

Church must have a treasury

1 Corinthians 16:2 b that there be no collections when I come.

When opportunity / obligation comes – funds are available

PROPORTIONAL

Give “as prospered”

How much? This is your individual choice.

Base your decision on – duties

- Support family
- Support parents
- Income of all the family

DO NOT COUNT YOUR OBLIGATIONS

We all have obligations – credit accounts, monthly bills, payments, etc.

“I just bought a 60” TV and I have to pay for it.”

Are you stealing from God to get a bigger TV?

Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

CHRISTIANS ARE GENEROUS

Giving is not a debt you owe

It is a gift you choose to give

It is an expression of your love for God and how He has blessed your life

2 CORINTHIANS 9:5-7

Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your **generous gift** beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as a *matter of* generosity and not as a grudging obligation. ⁶ But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So *let* each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.