



GIVING  
WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS  
(NEW TESTAMENT)  
SELECTED SCRIPTURES  
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## I. Introduction

If you are obedient to these principles which come right from God himself, they are attached to great blessing as a promise from God as well. In many parts of Scripture, blessing from God is associated with many things and one of those things is giving. And giving, is also a revelation of God and it must be understood, because it is a part of whole counsel of God.

## II. NT Giving Principles

#1 Giving—To Invest Eternally  
(Luke 6:38; Matt. 6:19-21)

#2 Giving—To Be Sacrificial  
(Mark 12:41-44; Heb. 13:16)

#3 Giving—Is Not Based On What You Have  
(Luke 16:10; 2 Cor. 8:2-3)

#4 Giving—Directly Impacts Your Spiritual Wealth  
(Luke 16:11-12)

#5 Giving—It's Between You and the Lord Alone  
(Luke 19:1-8)

#6 Giving—Responds to True Need  
(Acts 2:43-47; Acts 11:27-30)

#7 Giving—Is Loving NOT Lawing  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 8:8-9)

#8 Giving—Always Comes With A Plan  
(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 16:1-2)

#9 Giving—Is Always Generous  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 8:2)

#10 Giving—Leads to Gratitude  
(Phil. 4:10-19; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 9:6; Acts 20:35)

## III. Conclusion

When we choose to give freely and generously, we are declaring boldly that our faith is not dependent on our material possessions. Our faith is in God who is always faithful to provide.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group  
Week of: January 20, 2019  
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### **Kick Starters...**

1. How often do you get some sort of solicitation to 'give money' to some cause for some reason?
2. How you do deal with all the 'choices' in life in regard to being a good steward with your money?

### **Entertain the text**

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

### **Engage the text**

4. Why do you think Jesus spoke about money?
5. In Matthew 22:15-22, were the Pharisees surprised by Jesus' answer? If so, why?

6. Why did Jesus make it so clear that Christians have an obligation to God to pay their taxes (Rom. 13:6-7)?
7. What does *Giving to Invest Eternally* mean for us as believers? (hint Matt. 6:19-21)
8. How is giving related to loving God?
9. Why is giving between us and Lord alone?

### **Execute the text**

10. Read Acts 20:35. How does this impact your attitude and commitment to being a generous giver toward God's work?

#### **Lost & Found**

Larson/Grosskopf  
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

#### **Victors**

Fritzsche/Raddatz  
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

#### **IOW**

Billington/Reuter  
Friday 7pm @ CEFC

#### **Joint Heirs**

Smith/Olejnik  
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

#### **Crossroads**

Difino/Schwenk  
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks