



GIVING—  
MY RESPONSIBILITY AS  
A CHRISTIAN  
SELECTED SCRIPTURES  
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**I. Introduction**

Scripture makes it quite clear that the God of the Bible, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is to be our true treasure and we are to give generously and freely.

**II. Giving Is Part of Worshiping God**

- a. It's all God, it's never us
- b. Overflowing generosity

**III. Biblical Guidelines for Giving**

- #1—The OT Principle of Honoring God
- #2—We Recognize God as the Owner of All
- #3—Dispenses with Coveting
- #4—Disciplining Your Spending
- #5—Generous Giving Leads to Good Works
- #6—Provision for Each of Us As God's Children
- #7—Peace of Mind

#8—It Makes Us Good Stewards

#9—Giving Sacrificially

#10—Being a Discerning Giver

#11—God Loves Those Who Give Cheerfully

#12—Being a Consistent Giver

#13—Your First Gift Is the Local Church

#14—You Give in Secret

#15—Avoid A Trustee-Driven Commitment

**IV. Conclusion**

What giving really boils down to is a faith issue—do we trust in God's promises to provide. In Phil. 4:19 Paul said, "<sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." I appeal to each of you today from my heart—trust God. He cannot fail you. Give generously. Give often. And trust Christ with the rest.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group  
Week of: January 27, 2019  
Title: Giving—My Responsibility As A Christian  
Selected Scriptures

### **Kick Starters...**

1. When did you realize that Christ was your greatest treasure?
2. How would you describe your giving habits over the years?

### **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. Look over the biblical guidelines for giving—discuss why #2 is so important?
5. Discuss #3 from the same list? How does that work?

6. Does #9 make sense? How does that apply to our understanding of giving?
7. Look at #13. Talk about how that keeps our focus correct while protecting us from “all those good choices”
8. Why do we have to guard against a “#15 mentality” within our own hearts?

### **Execute the text**

9. How did this teaching on Giving—What the Bible Says affect your own appreciation for this important issue?
10. If Christ is our greatest treasure, how will your heart affect your giving back to the Lord as a reflection of your love?

#### **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