

I. God speaks to us about giving in the Old Testament

A. Tithing is an act of gratitude

B. Tithing is an act of worship

“Honor the Lord with your wealth.” (Proverbs 3:9)

C. Tithing is an act of faith

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)

D. Tithing is an act of obedience

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” (Leviticus 27:30)

E. Tithing is God’s plan to finance his work

F. Tithing is an eternal investment

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do no destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19-20)

G. Tithing brings great blessing from God

II. God speaks to us about giving in the New Testament

A. Followers of Christ should give to God

“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

B. Followers of Christ should give cheerfully

“Each man should give what he had decided to give in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

C. Followers of Christ should give regularly

“On the first day of the 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.” (1 Corinthians 16:2)

D. Followers of Christ should give according to their income

E. Followers of Christ should give willingly

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable to what he has, not to what he does not have.” (2 Corinthians 8:12)

F. Followers of Christ should give generously

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything of our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” (I Timothy 6:17-19)

G. Followers of Christ can expect God’s provision

“My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:9)

H. Followers of Christ can expect God’s blessing

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)