

## INSTRUCTIONS ON GIVING TO THOSE LIVING IN ABUNDANCE (1 Timothy 6: 17-19)

1. **INVEST** your resources to impact the world for Christ & receive eternal rewards (vs. 18a & 19).
2. Become known more for what you **GIVE** than what you **POSSESS** (v.18b).
3. Give **SACRIFICIALLY**, not merely out of surplus funds (v. 18c).
4. Become **PERSONALLY** involved in the work of Christ (v. 18d).

## AN EXAMPLE OF GIVING FOR THOSE SUFFERING NEED (2 Corinthians 8: 1-5)

1. Give despite your **CIRCUMSTANCES**. Let the wealth of your generosity disguise the depths of your poverty (vs. 1-2).
2. Give **ENTHUSIASTICALLY**. Let the spontaneity of your giving preclude the need to be asked (vs. 3-4).
3. Give knowing you cannot **OUT GIVE GOD**. Let the sacrifice of your gift be an expression of your love for and trust in God (v. 5).

## PRINCIPLES ON GIVING THAT APPLY TO ALL (Philippians 4: 15-19)

1. Giving is an act of **WORSHIP** which reveals the worth I place on my relationship with Jesus Christ.

*I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, and acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.      Philippians 4: 18b*

2. Giving is an **INVESTMENT** which yields eternal dividends. The amount of my return is not determined by size of my gift, but by the depth of my sacrifice.

*...after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.      Philippians 4: 15b-17*

3. Giving is a **CHANNEL** through which I give to receive, and receive to give.

*And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.      Philippians 4: 19 (compare 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)*