

Summit Woods Baptist Church
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

Giving in the New Testament

This week we continue our series on giving looking at what the New Testament teaches about giving/tithing.

❖ Day 1

1. Summarize what we've seen the past two weeks – from 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 and the teaching of the OT concerning giving/tithing.
2. Read Matthew 23:23-24. In what context is Jesus rebuking the Pharisees? What is he rebuking them for here?
3. What does this reveal about the Pharisees' perspective concerning tithing? What is the corrective to this view Jesus offers here? Does Jesus tell them tithing isn't a big deal – what instruction does he give concerning tithing here?

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4. Read Luke 18:12. What is the context for this statement? How did this man view his tithing? What is the corrective Jesus is offering in this parable as a whole?

5. From the two passages above – what was the Pharisees’ view of tithing and why was it wrong? What was Jesus’ view of tithing? How does this impact your view of tithing?

6. Read Hebrews 7:1-10. What point is the author making in this section? What does this section teach us about giving and tithing?

❖ Day 2

7. Read through 2 Corinthians 8 and 9.

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8. What situation is being described by these chapters? Therefore, what is the direct application of these verses? Are some of the principles of giving described in these verses still valid for every situation of giving?

9. What was exemplified by the churches in Macedonia? What does Paul call their giving?

10. What example of giving does Paul use in 8:8-15? How does this instruct our giving?

11. What reasons does Paul give for the gift they're gathering in v. 19? How should this shape the way we think about giving?

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12. What is the point of giving according to 9:6-15? What assurance do those have who give?
What is the goal that is expressed in these verses?

13. How does 2 Corinthians 8-9 shape our understanding of giving?

❖ Day 3

14. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What perspective about money does Jesus call his disciples to have?

15. Where does Jesus call his disciples to put their treasure? What does this mean?

16. What does the section on the eye (vv. 22-23) have to do with giving?

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17. What in the point Jesus is making in this section in v. 24? What does this reveal about the seriousness of how we view our money?

18. Summarize what the New Testament teaches about giving and tithing.

19. Summarize what the whole Bible teaches concerning giving/tithing.

20. What does God require of you in terms of giving and tithing?

21. How does what we have learned in the past 3 weeks inform your conscience about what you should give and when? Is there a time your conscience should convict you regarding a failure to give?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that our hearts would be ready to hear and do what the Word of God says about giving/tithing. Pray that the Lord will use his Word to soften hearts and bend wills to his, particularly in the area of finances/giving/tithing.