

## Giving Promises and Giving Plans

### Part 5 – Biblical Financial Stewardship

#### I. God's Promises for our Giving

##### A. Examples of Blessings for Givers (Old Testament)

1. Giving: The Shunammite woman was given a son, her son's resurrection, and her land and income (2 Kings 4:8-37; 8:1-6).
2. Tithing: Under the Old Testament covenant, God gave material blessings for those who tithed faithfully (Malachi 3:10).

##### B. Promises of Blessings for Givers (New Testament)

- **General Principle: God blesses givers (Luke 6:35-38).**
- **General Principle: God blesses givers (2 Corinthians 9:6).**
- 1. We will have enough to live on (2 Corinthians 9:8,11).
- 2. Our ministry will multiply (2 Corinthians 9:8,11).
- 3. We will have enough to give even more (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).
- 4. People will thank God their need was met (2 Corinthians 9:12).
- 5. People will praise God for our generosity (2 Corinthians 9:13).
- 6. People will pray for us (2 Corinthians 9:14).
- 7. Eternal rewards credited to our account (Philippians 4:17-19)
- 8. We have the privilege of pleasing God (Philippians 4:18).
- 9. All our needs, including money, will be met (Philippians 4:19).

#### II. God's Plan for our Giving

##### A. Give Proportionately

- As God has prospered (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:11-12)

##### B. Give Consistently according to a plan

- Regularly – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2)

##### C. Give personally, willingly and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7).

#### **Giving Issues to Decide**

1. Forms of giving (In addition to % of income - 1 Corinthians 16:2)
    - Giving items needed by people or ministry (Exodus 35:22-29)
    - Selling items of value, stocks, estate giving (Acts 4:34-37)
  2. Who to give to (In addition to the Local Church)
    - Missionaries and ministry organizations
    - Personal needs we know of
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