

4 Types of Giving

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1. Introduction

Malachi 3: 8 NAS Will a man rob God? Yes you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings.

v. 9 You are cursed with a curse for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!

v. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of Hosts [Jehovah Sabaoth is a military name], if I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

v. 11 "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground, nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes (nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field – NKJV)," says the Lord of Hosts. (Another use of this Scripture is for babies not to be born early per Frances Hunter)

v. 12 And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land." Says the Lord of Hosts

The 4 types of giving: 1 Tithes

2 First Fruits

3 Alms

4 Seed

3 types go to God; one goes to Man

Ps 89:34 NAS My covenant I will not violate, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.

2. Tithing

Motivation for tithing is obedience. The tithe is the divine connector to the blessing (see Deut 28). What blessing?

Gen 1: 28 NAS Then God said," Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Fruitful = always producing

Multiply = always increasing

Replenish = fill and refill

Subdue + control your environment or your environment will control you .

God gave a harvest or end result before the beginning.

Tithing is in both testaments.

NT – Heb 13: 8 Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever.

Tithing is the way for recession or depression to bypass you.

Tithing holds God to His promise to “rebuke the devourer for my sake”

2 Cor 1: 20 All the promises of God in Him are... yes and amen

Words are containers , they hold what you are believing for.

3. First Fruits

Motivation is generosity.

Prov 3: 9-10 NAS Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all of your produce;

v. 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

First Fruits shows God that I’m not in love with money . That’s why He can trust me with it.

First Fruits – give it to God once .

First Fruits shows my gratitude to God for the extra blessing He has bestowed on me.

A choice: bring it to the house of the Lord or to the Priest

31 references to First Fruits in the Bible, both OT and NT.

Rom 11: 16 NKJV And if the first fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Phil 4: 19 NKJV And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

4. **Alms** (helping the poor)

Motivation is compassion and sympathy.

This is the only one given to man and not to God.

Alms are given in secrecy to protect people's dignity in their crisis.

Matt 6: 1 – 4

v. 1 Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

v. 2 When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward in full.

v.3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

v.4 that your alms may be in secret and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

The rate of return on alms is reimbursement.

Prov 19:17 NAS He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed.

5. **Seed**

Motivation is faith and reward.

Mk 4: 8 NAS And the other seeds fell into the good soil and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced 30, 60, and 100-fold.

Seed/offering giving is the only way for 30-60-100 to be received

This creates a future.

The seed starts at 11% because the 1st 10% belongs to the Lord.

Seed is the way to stop poverty in my life.

Seed is the quickest way for debt cancellation.

Seed must be put into fertile soil. Why? To accomplish the impossible in life.

If you take the Tithe, First Fruits, seed, and give it to Alms, you change the rate of return (which is dollar for dollar) & purpose.

2 Cor 9: 8-11 NASV

v. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed,

v. 9 As it is written,

He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor,

His Righteousness abides forever. (Ps 112:9)

v. 10 Now He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for feed, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

v. 11 You will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

Luke 6: 38 Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you in return.

Delay is not denial.

Other Scriptures

Prov 11: 25 _____

Prov 22: 9 _____

Ps 41: 1-3 _____

(Another 7 benefits of giving to the poor)

Thoughts-

"If you get addicted to giving, God will support your habit." – Mark Hankins

"In the world you 'get' to increase; In God's Kingdom, you "give" to increase – Bill Winston

"God doesn't just want me to have my needs met, He wants me to walk in abundance so I can help others & demonstrate His Kingdom." – Gary Keesee

"We must see God as our provider or we will be anxious about our needs being met. Every time we are in need, we are not intimidated. Instead, we should be fascinated about what God will do. We must believe He is our Provider & become intrigued by how He might meet our needs." –

Graham Cooke

Psalm 41: 1-3 benefits to giving to the poor

1. v. 1 the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble
2. v. 2 the Lord will preserve him
3. v. 2 the Lord will keep him alive
4. v. 2 he will be blessed on the earth
5. v. 2 he will not be delivered to the will of his enemies
6. v. 3 the Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness
7. v.3 the Lord will sustain him o his sickbed.