

PRINCIPLES OF GIVING

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”
(John 3:16)*

I. GOD’S CONCERN FOR THE NEEDY

- Ex 22:25** Do not charge interest
- Lev 19:9-10** God providing for the needy and the stranger through His people
- Lev 27:30-31** Add 20% to redeem
- Dt 14:27-29** Giving to the Levites (who did not have inheritance like the rest of Israel did have)
- Nu 35:7-8** Giving according to one’s own capacity
- Dt 15:7-11** Open your hand to the poor
- Dt 24:10-13** Do not delay in paying
- Psa 37:21,26** The righteous man gives and lends
- Psa 41:1** How blessed is he who helps the helpless!
- Psa 69:32-33** God does not despise His prisoners and the needy
- Psa 112 (all)** The righteous man trusts in the Lord and is compassionate
- Psa 140:12** God will maintain the cause of the afflicted
- Pr 11:24-25** He who waters will be watered
- Pr 14:21** Happy is he who is generous to the poor
- Pr 14:31** He who oppresses taunts God

- Pr 18:23** The poor entreaties; the rich answers roughly
- Pr 19:17** God will repay
- Pr 22:2** God created both poor and rich
- Pr 22:9** The generous will be blessed
- Pr 28:3** The poor oppressing the poor
- Pr 28:27** For he who gives, no want. For the closed eye, many curses
- Pr 29:7** Righteous concerned for the poor
- Pr 31:9, 20** Defend the rights of the needy (advice for governors)
- Mt 6:1-4** Do your giving in secret
- Lk 12:33** Believers giving to the poor ensure future rewards (*Mt 19:21*)

II. THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

- Acts 2:44-47** The believers sold their possessions and shared as anyone might have need
- Acts 4:32-37** No one claimed ownership of anything, but all things were common property

III. GIVING AND RECEIVING

- Gal 2:10** Preaching the gospel includes remembering the poor (*Ja 2:15-16*)
- Phil 4:15-18** The Philippians were the first to support Paul

1 Co 9:9-14 Let those who preach the word to get their living from the word

Gal 6:6-10 Let us share with those who teach us. Do good to all people (especially our brethren)

2 Co 11:8 Other churches supported Paul, too

IV. THE GIFT TO THE DESTITUTE JEWS IN JERUSALEM

a) From the church in Antioch

Acts 11:27-30 The response of the brethren relieved them in their need (*Acts 12:25*)

b) From the churches in Macedonia

2 Co 8:1-2 God can allow suffering and affliction to take hold among a group of believers to draw them closer in love. This often produces the gracious mental attitude that is necessary to give in the way God would have us give

2 Co 8:3 Responding to the need of the moment (without hesitation) of their own accord

2 Co 8:4 Eagerly wanting to participate to support the saints

2 Co 8:5 God opening their hearts to each other (absence of greed and lusts)

c) Encouraging the church in Corinth to Give

2 Co 8:6-7 Encouragement to rekindle the spirit to give. To finish what they started to complete their faith (opportunity)

2 Co 8:8-9 Showing a good example of giving and the absence of selfishness

2 Co 8:10-12 Finish what they started according to their ability

2 Co 8:13-15 Giving liberally for the need of others so there is equality

2 Co 8:16-17 Love is the base to encourage others to do what is right

2 Co 8:18-24 The need for mature men of faith to encourage and carry out administrations concerning offerings

2 Co 9:1-5 Men to urgently organize the effort so there is nothing lacking in the gift

2 Co 9:6-15 More persuasion from the Spirit so that nothing is lacking in the gift

d) Results of the Encouragement

Ro 15:25-26 Macedonia and Achaia (Corinth) accomplished the contribution for Jerusalem

Ro 15:27 Pleased to share in spiritual things and minister in material things

Acts 24:17 Jerusalem received the help gladly (*Acts 21:17*)

1 Tim 6:17-18 Instruct those who are rich to be ready to help

Acts 20:35 “It is more blessed to give than to receive”