

Cornerstone Faith of West Liberty
1 Corinthians 16:1-4 – Giving
March 16, 2025

- I. The Old Testament/covenant is for illustration not establishing doctrine
- 1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV)** *Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.*
- a. We have more glorious covenant (2 Cor. 3:7-9; Heb. 8:6)
- 2 Corinthians 3:7-9 (NKJV)** *But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, ⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.*
- Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)** *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.*
- b. Old is vanishing
- Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV)** *In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.*
- c. If break law in one break in all the law—also if keep the law in one must keep it in all (Jas. 2:10; Gal. 3:1-2, 5:4)
- James 2:10 (NKJV)** *For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.*
- d. In New Covenant we are taught to give but not tithe
- Where tithe is taught in New Testament it is in reference to Law (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42, 18:11-12; Heb. 7:1-10)
- Luke 11:42 (NKJV)** *But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*
- II. Instructions on giving to church at Corinth
- a. Done on first day of week
- Would indicate church at Corinth met on Sunday and not Saturday
- Acts 20:7 (NKJV)** *Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. Indicates a regular pattern of giving*
- b. Give what you desire (freewill/not forced)
- Acts 5:3-4 (NKJV)** *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it*

remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

c. Give with joy

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV) *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

d. God rewards generous gifts

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV) *But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

III. Paul's travel instructions

a. More than just him to deliver the offering—suggest accountability

2 Corinthians 8:18-21 (NKJV) *And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, ¹⁹ and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind, ²⁰ avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us—²¹ providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.*

b. No collections when he arrives—keeps it voluntary (though he is commanding it be done he is not enforcing the command)

2 Corinthians 9:5 (NKJV) *Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.*

IV. An Easter Challenge

- Begin to pray for 3 unsaved friends/family that they would come to faith in Jesus Christ
 - o Do not ask them yet—only pray for them to be receptive to an invitation to faith
 - o Pray that we as a church be ready to witness the gospel to them and ready to receive them among ourselves to disciple them
 - o Begin now to also pray how you can disciple others in their faith
 - o Christian faith is interactive not a passive spectator sport
- On April 17-19 ask them to come to Easter Morning Services here at CFWL