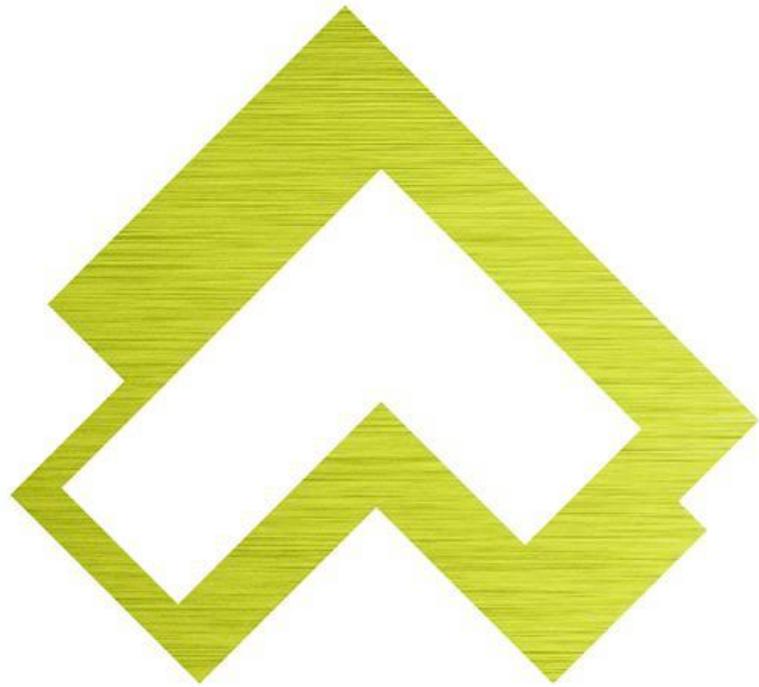


# The Journey of Faith

## Session 10



**THE**  
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**CHURCH**

Giving

# Teaching Chart

## INVESTING IN GOD'S FAMILY

### What Areas Does Giving Include?

- Giving Yourself (Ephesians 2:10)
- Giving Your Time and Abilities (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)
- Giving Your Money and Resources (Matthew 6:19-21)

False Belief about Giving



True Belief about Giving

### Types of Financial Giving

- Tithing/Generosity (Matthew 23:23; 2 Corinthians 9:5-7)
- Special Offerings (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- Missions Giving (Philippians 4:15-18)



### Truths About Ownership

- God Owns Everything (Exodus 19:5; Psalm 24:1)
- I Owe God Everything (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- I Should Be a Faithful Steward (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

### Malachi 3 Principles

- Failure to Give is Stealing from God (3:8-9)
- God Should Be First Priority (3:10a; Matthew 6:33-34)
- God's Provides "The Rest" After I Give in Faith (3:10b)

SESSION 10: GIVING

"He who loves Jesus consecrates to Him all that he has, and feels it a delight that he may lay anything at the feet of Him who laid down his life for us." - Charles Spurgeon

# Lesson

- Overview:** Whenever the subject of giving is mentioned, many people automatically think of money. However, money is only part of the issue of Christian giving. A believer should also view the giving of his or her time and abilities as an important element of biblical giving. In order to better understand this subject, each Christian should establish a proper, mental picture about God's design for giving.
- Purpose:** To instruct the believer in the proper attitudes toward Christian giving
- Verses:** (Matthew 6:19-21) Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- I. What things can and should be included under the “umbrella” of giving?
- A. A believer can and should give of his or her time.  
(Ephesians 5:15-16)
1. You should use the abilities God has given you and spend time using them in the church (construction, artwork, singing, communication with children, computer skills, sign language, etc.).
  2. God uses people with different talents and abilities to minister to the local church.
  3. God created and saved you to serve Him.  
(Ephesians 2:10)
- B. A believer can and should give of his or her money.
1. Every family or business needs money in order to function.
  2. The church also needs money in order to function.
    - a. The church must pay for electric, water, remodeling, garbage removal, salaries, and many other normal things to keep it in existence.
    - b. If every family and church member would participate in financial giving, the church could pay for the things it needs.
- II. What should be my attitude toward giving?
- A. You must recognize that God owns all things in the world, including you.  
(Exodus 19:5)  
(Psalms 24:1)
- B. You are simply a steward (one who takes care of another’s possessions) who happens to be taking care of God’s things on earth.
- C. Faithfulness is the most important part of stewardship.  
(1 Corinthians 4:2)
1. Use your talents and abilities for God.
  2. Use your money in a way that will please God.
- D. Giving should be done with a cheerful attitude.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7)
- III. Why should I give?
- A. Christian giving is an evidence of your love for Christ.  
(2 Corinthians 8:4-5)  
(2 Corinthians 8:8)
- B. Christian giving is an evidence that you are concerned about eternal things.  
(Matthew 6:21)
- C. Christian giving is an evidence of your dependence on God to provide all that you need.  
(Proverbs 3:9-10)

- IV. What is accomplished through my giving?
- A. The local church will be able to pay for its' needs.
    - 1. Failure to give is robbing God and the church of accomplishing His purposes (reach and disciple).  
(Malachi 3:8-10)
    - 2. Your first priority should be to financially support your local church instead of independent people and organizations.  
(Galatians 6:10)
  - B. Church staff can be supported through your faithful giving.  
(1 Timothy 5:17-18)
  - C. Other believers who have legitimate needs can be helped.  
(1 Timothy 5:9-10)  
(1 Timothy 5:16)
- V. How much should I give?
- A. There are three types of giving recorded in the Bible:
    - 1. Tithes should be given in order to maintain the function of the church.
      - a. A tithe is giving at least ten percent of your income.  
(Genesis 28:22)
      - b. Tithing is required of every believer.  
(1 Corinthians 16:2)
      - c. A person who tithes maintains a right relationship with the local church.
    - 2. Offerings are given for special projects funded through your church.  
(2 Corinthians 9:5-7)
      - a. This is a voluntary offering.
      - b. Offerings are in addition to your tithe.
      - c. You should give as God prospers you (blesses you).
    - 3. Sacrificial gifts should be used to support missionaries (people sent to parts of the world where you cannot go).  
(Philippians 4:15-18)
      - a. This is a voluntary offering.
      - b. Sacrificial gifts are in addition to your tithe.
      - c. You should give as God blesses you financially.
      - d. When you give to help missionaries, God credits the people that they reach for Christ to your "account."
  - B. You should give as God blesses and honors you for your hard work.
- VI. When should I give?
- A. You should give tithes consistently and systematically (give weekly, twice a month, or monthly).
  - B. You can also give sacrificial offerings as you feel led of the spirit.

# Review

1. Does biblical giving only include money?
2. What other things can a Christian give to God?
3. List some talents and abilities that God has given to you and describe how you could use them in your church.
4. What does Ephesians 2:10 say is our purpose as a Christian?
5. Why does the church need your money?
6. If every \_\_\_\_\_ and church \_\_\_\_\_ would participate in \_\_\_\_\_ giving, the church could pay for the things it needs.
7. Who owns all of your money and possessions?
8. Define and explain how you are a steward.
9. When you give to your local church, what is accomplished?
10. Three types of giving are recorded in the Bible. Which type is required?
11. In your own words, explain tithing.
12. Should every believer tithe, even if he is struggling financially? Explain why or why not.
13. You should give tithes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Briefly explain the purpose of this lesson.

# False Teachings

*Some churches, organizations, or groups are promoting the following false teachings:*

- Christian giving only pertains to money.
- Tithe can be given to another organization or group instead of my church.
- If a church member is mad or upset with the church, he does not have to tithe.