Understanding What The Bible Says
About Christian Stewardship *(Part 2)*

I Corinthians 16:1-2

> "[1]Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. [2] On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come."
> ***(I Corinthians 16:1-2)***

I. _____ Is Supposed To Give? *(vv 1-2)*

Regardless of how you look at it, the word ***"you"*** is an ____ - _____ term.

When it comes to this matter of giving to the Lord from our financial resources, ____ _____ is excluded, exempted, or excused.

We need to understand that the basis of our giving is not determined by _____ we have, it is determined by _____ we are. ***(II Corinthians 8:12-14)***

II. _____ Are We Supposed To Give? *(v 2)*

In commemoration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and according to the **N.T.** pattern of giving, the first day of the week is _____.

Here's the point: Giving to God should never be a _____, knee-jerk, whenever-we-feel-like-it kind of thing.

Our giving to God is to be a systematic, week-by-week, act of loving _____.

III. _____ Are We Supposed To Give? *(v 2; II Corinthians 8:12)*

Every believer is to give to the Lord an amount of his or her income that is _____ to what they have received.

The Bible teaches us that there is a percentage of our income that is to be given back to the Lord, and that percentage is _____, an amount that is referred to as the "_____." ***(Malachi 3:8-10)***

The word that is translated ***"tithe"*** is a word that means "a _____ part."

We really don't _____ the tithe, we _____ the tithe.

There are basically *3 reasons* why people don't tithe:

1) ***Some don't tithe because they have never been _____ to tithe.***

2) ***Some don't tithe because they _____ what tithing is.***

Tithing is a tangible acknowledgement of who God is and of our _____ and _____ to Him. ***(Malachi 3:8-10)***

The bottom line is that tithing isn't so much a matter of _____, it's a matter of _____.

3) ***Some don't tithe because they simply _____ to do so.***

A Christian should tithe for the same reason that they should be _____ to everything else that the Bible teaches.

IV. _____ Are We Supposed To Give? *(v 2)*

Given what is said here, the logical answer to this question is that we are to give in the place where we _____ on the first day of each week.

We are to bring our tithes and offerings to the place where our _____ is established, and our _____ _____ is nourished.

II Corinthians 9:6-8

V. _____ Are We Supposed To Give?

The answer is because God demands it, _____ it, and delights in it. Therefore, as His stewards, it is our responsibility to do it!

Giving of our financial resources to God is a reflection of our heart's true _____.

Conclusion:

Ultimately, giving tests the _____ of our love! *(II Corinthians 8:8)*

You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.

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