



GRACE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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THE HEART OF BIBLICAL GIVING
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INTRODUCTION

Giving is an act of .

- I. **GOD OWNS EVERYTHING.** (Exodus 19:5b, Psalm 50:10-11, Haggai 2:8, Ezekiel 18:4a, Romans 14:8)
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Webster: Surrender: to give up possession of, claim to, or power over. _____

- II. **STEWARDSHIP** (Luke 12:42, Luke 12:48b, 1 Timothy 6:20a, Luke 16:10-12, Romans 14:12, 1 Corinthians 4:2) _____
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Steward: manager, treasurer, custodian; a person who receives, cares for, and disburses that which belongs to another.

James A. Lollis: "Christian stewardship is more than the management of things; it is the refusal to let things manage ."

We will be required to give an account to God for how we have lived our lives.

III. **THE HEART OF BIBLICAL GIVING**

Since God owns everything, giving is easier because I only give back to Him what belongs to Him.

1) It begins with loving. (2 Corinthians 8:1-6, Luke 7:47)

Giving is a free, willing, loving act from the heart of a loving disciple.

Oswald Chambers: "It never cost a disciple anything to follow Jesus; to talk about cost when you are in love with anyone is an insult."

2) Giving to God means giving our best to Him . (Exodus 22:29-30a, Deuteronomy 17:1, 1 Chronicles 21:22a, 24b, Exodus 35:21-22, 29a, Exodus 36:3b, 6-7, Haggai 1:4-5, 8-9, Luke 12:15-21, Proverbs 11:24 New Living Translation)

3) Giving is for everyone. (Mark 12:41-44, 2 Corinthians 8:12, Philippians 4:19)

Missionary Pastor Pamela Truscott: "Those who say they can't give because they are too poor are poor because they don't give."

She also shared, "Missionaries who don't teach proper giving leave the people under a curse of poverty!"

God blesses obedient, giving hearts. The priority is
over amount. _____

F.B. Meyer: "Our religion will cost us something, or we may fairly question its validity and worth. What one will not suffer for, one does not value."

4) Giving comes from right heart attitudes.

(1) Cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7) **God loves a cheerful or**
 giver _____

(2) Worshipfully (Deuteronomy 26:8,10) _____

(3) Generously (2 Corinthians 9:6) _____

(4) Regularly and willingly (1 Corinthians 16:2a) _____

(5) Giving defeats a spirit of . (Luke 6:24, Luke 16:13, Luke 12:33, Luke 19:8) _____

The Aramaic term Mammon: Jesus characterized money as a rival god, a power that seeks to dominate. _____

Richard Foster, "Just the very act of letting go of money or some other treasure does something within us. It destroys the demon greed."

(6) Sincerely, gratefully, privately (Matthew 6:1,4, Philippians 4:11b-12, 19)

CONCLUSION

It's been said, "There are three levels of giving:

- 1) You have to (Law)
- 2) You ought to (Obligation)
- 3) You to (Grace)

Luke 12:34: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Give freely because you love Him and want to please Him, because He is your treasure. *That's The Heart of Biblical Giving.*