



Means of Grace that Shape our Future

2025

Give to God What Is God's!

1. Caesar or Christ, Whichever Comes - Oct-6
2. Be Faithful with All God Gives You Now - Oct-13
3. Bring to the Lord an Offering - Oct-20
4. Bring to the Lord, With Your Own Property - Oct-27
5. Have Generosity on the Ground - Nov-3
6. Give Thanks - Nov-10

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Dear Friends,

Taking a 15 minute break on a Thursday at the church, I look so many cars running on the street. I think of you who might be on one of these countless vehicles on the run! I discover myself reminding of this day full of things to do. I need to get back to work in order to make more. Before too late, I need get mine as much as possible.


Perhaps, we will need a bigger barn to keep everything belong to us. More money, more power, more resources that should be mine! The world we live praises those who make more. Many of us seem to be tempted to migrate at work based on how much we make.


Friends, I want you to know that you will be fine with your life on earth. God our Heavenly Father will take care of you. Everything you make is actually from God who owns everything [Deuteronomy 10:14; Hebrews 1: Psalm 24:1].

I want you to join me a life of giving away. Giving-away isn't a giving for an investment or an immediate pay-back. It refers to an act of faith. It is a gift of generosity somehow you recognized in your own life as you fully relying on God the source of all. With trust in God providing what you need in life, you can give things away even abundantly.

In the year of 2025, I pray that we can give freely as we have received freely [Matthew 10:8]. May God bless us and our church so that we will be able to give to God what is God's.

Yours in Christ,


Rev. Daehwa Park
Pastor



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Like the Exodus people many of you may feel to be thrown in a wilderness where means of life are limited. Life in the wilderness for the children of God, deeply inspired by the Judeo-Christian tradition, refers to our human conditions that should rely more on God than on ourselves. You are invited to God's ordained time in a wilderness life at Good Shepherd for spiritual growth through endurance. Seek the means of grace that shape your future as you receive God's heavenly blessings. We pray for God's blessings upon your life, so that we can live an abundant living with the gifts you receive more, give more, share more, save more, and find joy more. Be faithful and effective this year and the years to come! Praise the Lord!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18


1st Fruit Offering

"Honor the Lord with your possession, and with the first fruits of all your increase, so that your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10

Works of Piety

WORSHIP • DEVOTION



COMPASSION • JUSTICE

Acts of Worship

Praising God through life-transforming act of worship we call, equip and send all God's people to the world.

Acts of Justice

through the act of advocacy and action for the Least, the Least, and the Least as they faithfully connected with others in our community. We strive for a Climate Church to overcome Change.

Sharing God

Acts of Devotion

Experiencing God through Study and Prayer, making and empowering of the Disciples, joining Small Group activities, such as Funday School, Disciple, Holy Chn, Prayer Call, or Caf. See with the Pastor, etc.

Acts of Compassion

through Outreach or Hospitality: Advent Family, Christmas in April, Food Pantry, Christmas in July, Meals on wheels, UMCOR or other Seasonal Outreach Projects

Serving God

Our Journey is Praising God, Experiencing God, Serving God and Sharing God!

I would like to give to these activities and ministries to the glory of God through Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Please check all the areas that apply. *Mr. Cate lists the "My God Help Good Shepherd" Thank you.*

Name: _____ Email: Phone: _____ Address: _____

Giving My TREASURES

I would like to give tithes—Biblical guideline for giving First Fruit of 10% of my earnings

I would like to give regularly

I would like to share my other resources than monetary donation: (bestest, stock, or art-depended or seasonal giving)

My financial commitment for 2025 will be \$ _____

I would like to set up recurring electronic giving

Giving My TALENTS

Vision Casting & Ministerial Plan

Building Up/step Career improvement

Praying, Encouraging, Serving, Sharing

Media and Digital Publishing & Ministry

Financial Stewardship & Management

Member Care

Music and Performing Arts

Others (please specify): _____

Giving My TIME

Worship Participation

Service Outreach Project

Parish minister

Teaching Sunday School

Child Care

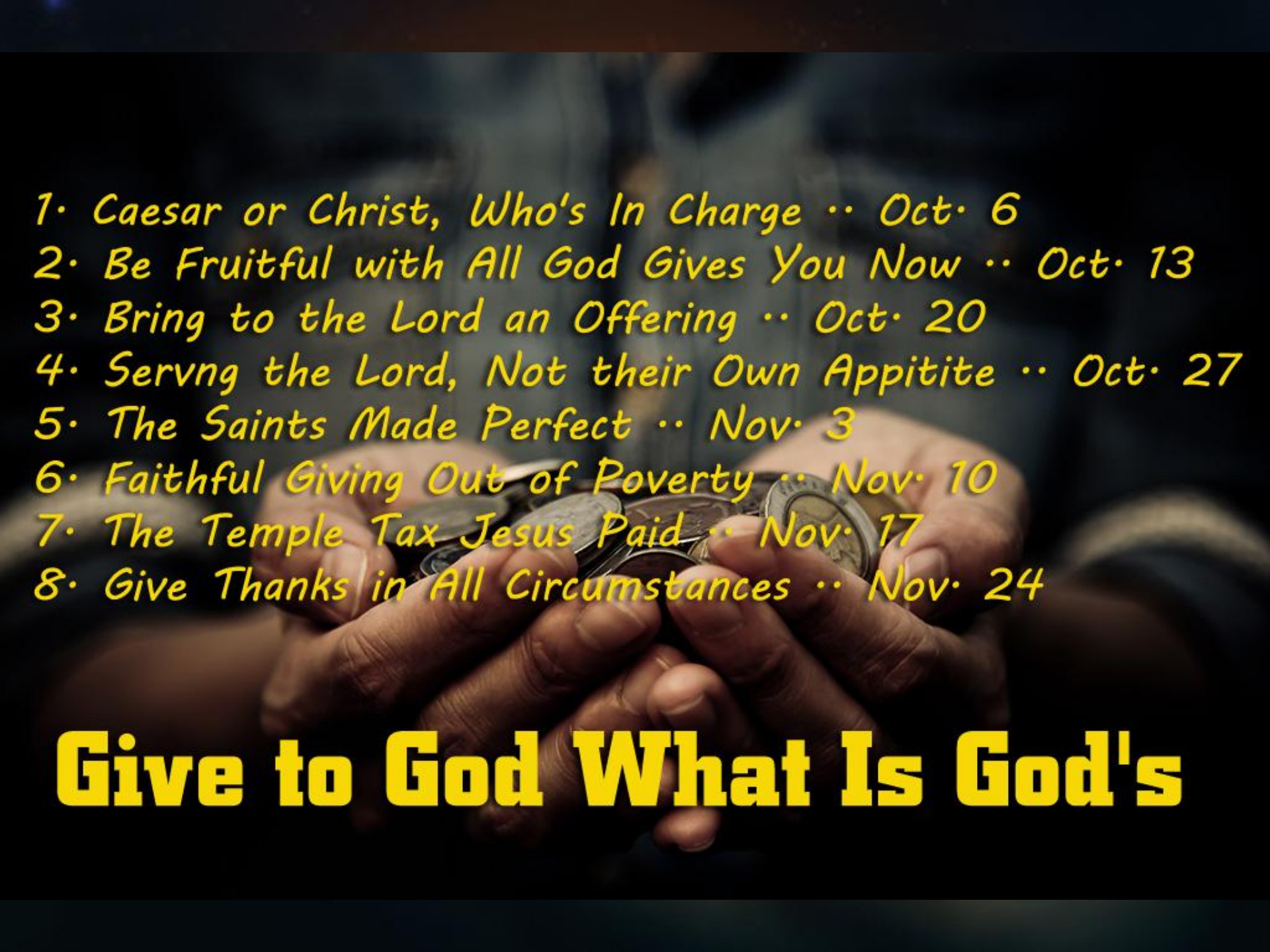
Chaplaincy

Pastoral Visitation

Youth Fellowship Support

Office Volunteer Support



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 7. *The Temple Tax Jesus Paid* .. Nov. 17
 8. *Give Thanks in All Circumstances* .. Nov. 24

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Mark 12:38-44

Jesus Watched the Crowd Giving

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.



Mark 12:38-44

Visible/Audible or Invisible/Inaudible Giving



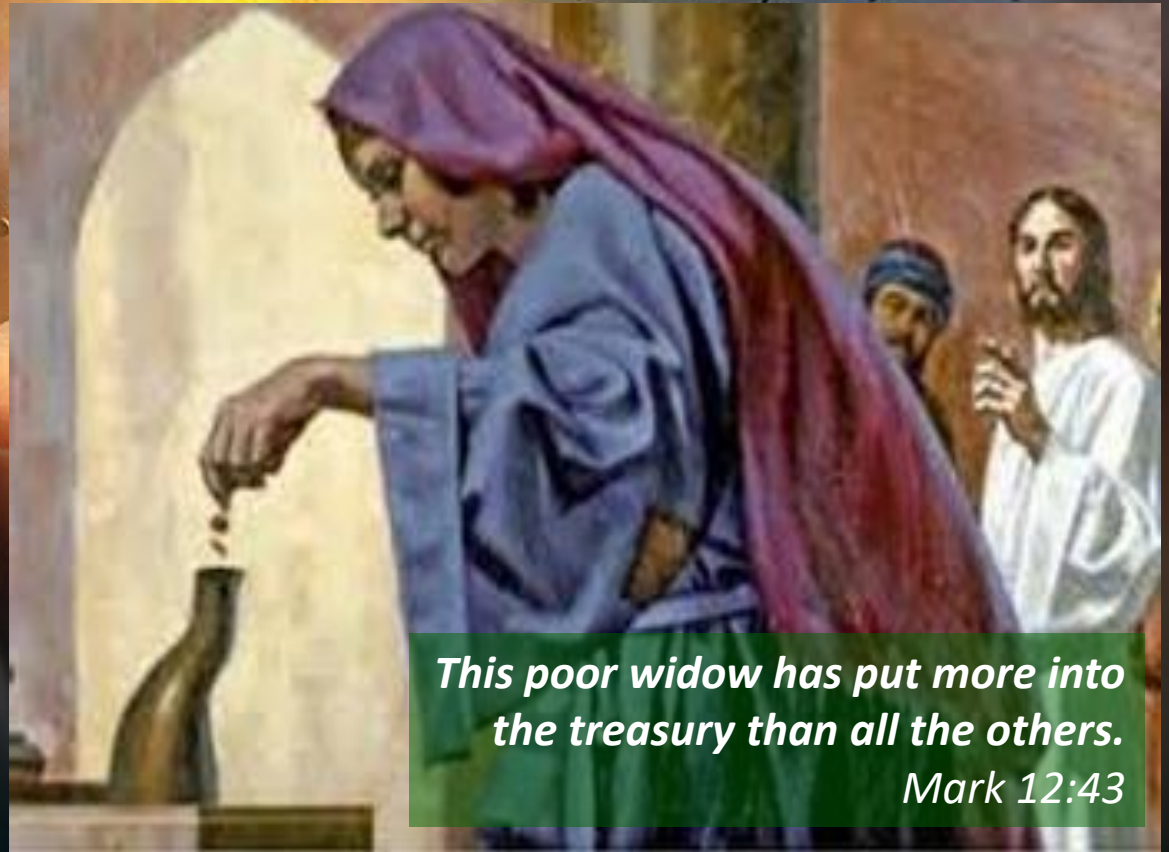


Mark 12:38-44

Rich and Powerful is One Thing, Influential is the Other

*Watch out the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in marketplaces, and ... **They devour widows' houses** and for a show make lengthy prayers. **Such men will be punished most severely.***

Mark. 12:38-39

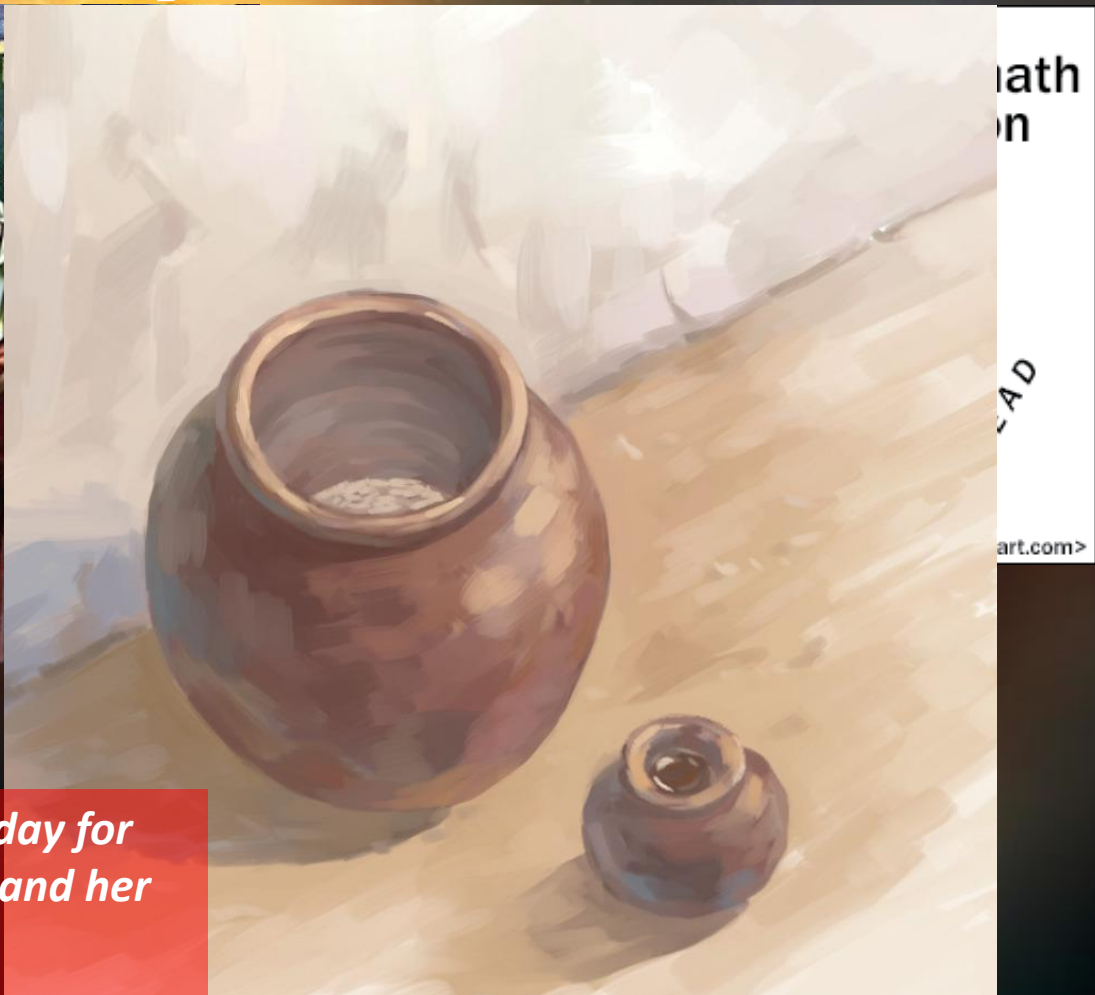
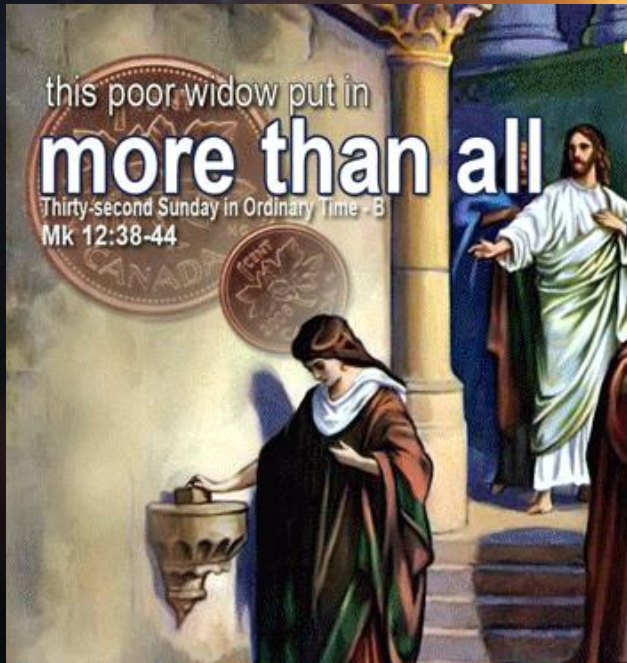


This poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

Mark 12:43

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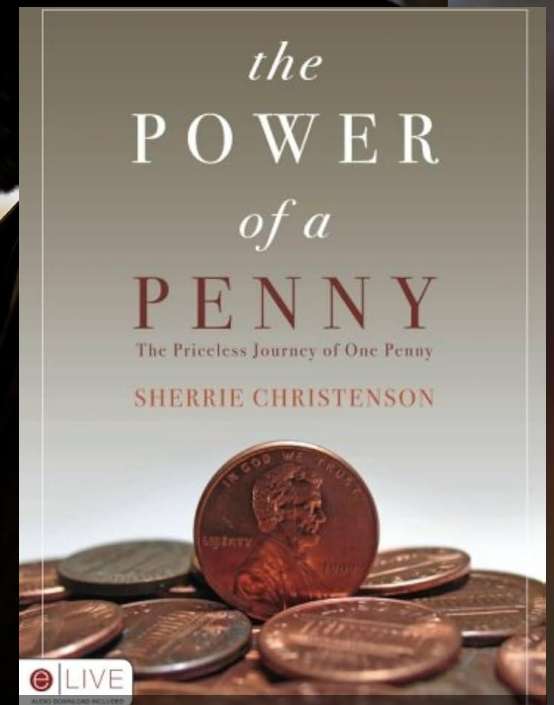
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*So there was food every day for
Elijah and for the woman and her
family.*

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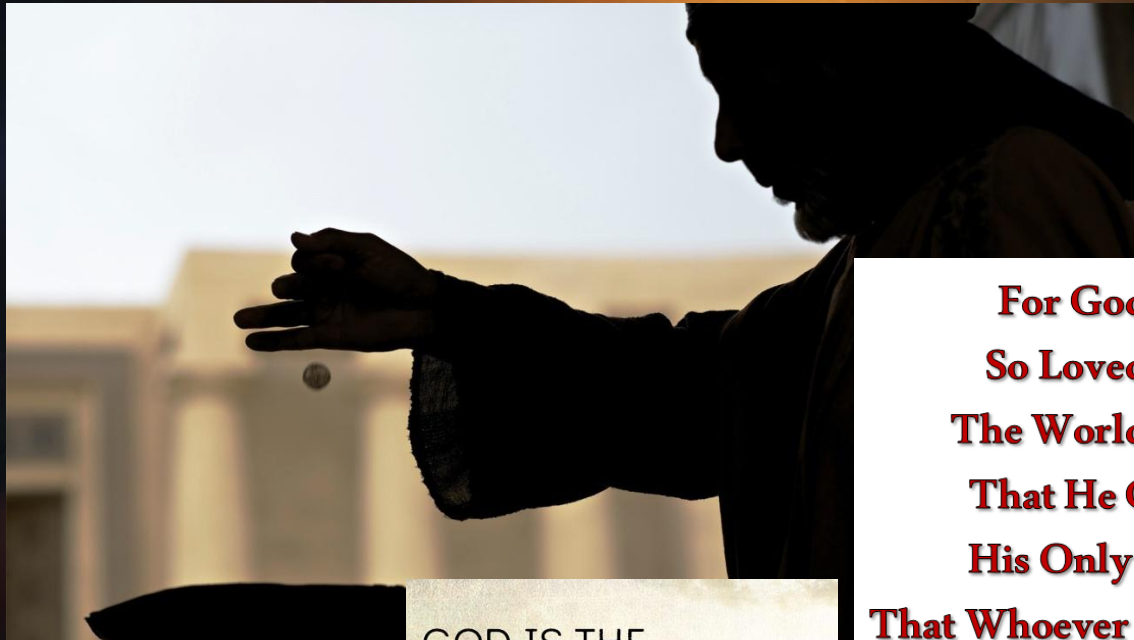
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According to US Mint, it costs around 3.07 cents to produce a penny. US Mint might lose money on every penny it makes. In 2022, the US Mint lost around \$171 million just from producing pennies

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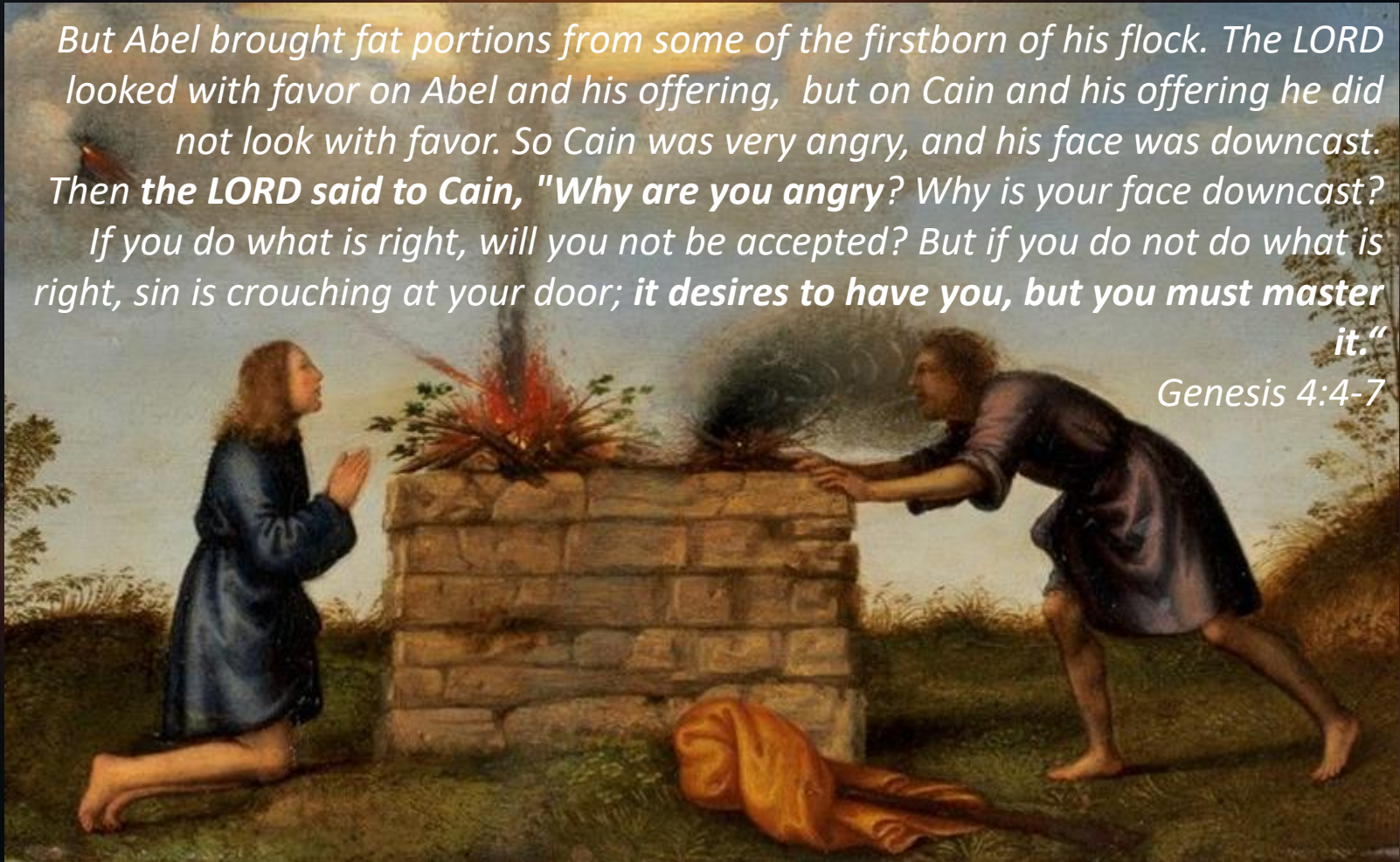
John 3:16

One Lord One Body Ministries

1. Giving is an important part of worship.

But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:4-7



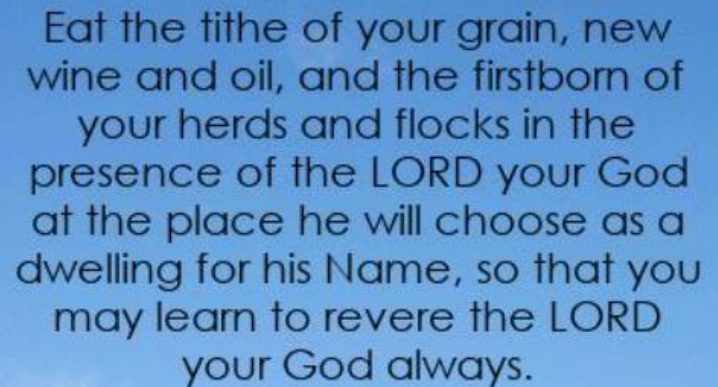
“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 6. Faithful Giving Out of Poverty

1. *Giving is an important part of worship.*

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the LORD your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.

Deuteronomy 14:23

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- A close-up of a hand reaching out towards a bright yellow sun in space. The background is filled with stars and planets, creating a cosmic atmosphere. The hand is positioned in the lower foreground, with fingers slightly curled as if reaching towards the sun in the center of the frame.
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 2. *Many give out of their wealth.*

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2. Many give out of their wealth.



The image shows the cover of Forbes magazine's 'Daily Cover' for 'America's Top Givers 2022: The 25 Most Philanthropic Billionaires'. The cover features five prominent philanthropic billionaires: a woman in a green top, a man in a white shirt, a man in a green jacket (Bill Gates), a woman in a grey blazer, and a man in a purple shirt (Jeff Bezos). The background is a green grid with white clouds. Various icons are scattered around the portraits, including a graduation cap, a bar chart, a heart, a scale of justice, a fish, a globe, a heart with a pulse line, a globe with a pulse line, a hand holding a globe, a dollar sign, an upward arrow, a hand holding a heart, a recycling symbol, a baby, and a graduation cap. The Forbes logo is in the bottom right corner. The text 'DAILY COVER' is above the main title.

DAILY COVER

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money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/spending/articles/how-much-money-should-you-give-for-a-wedding-gift

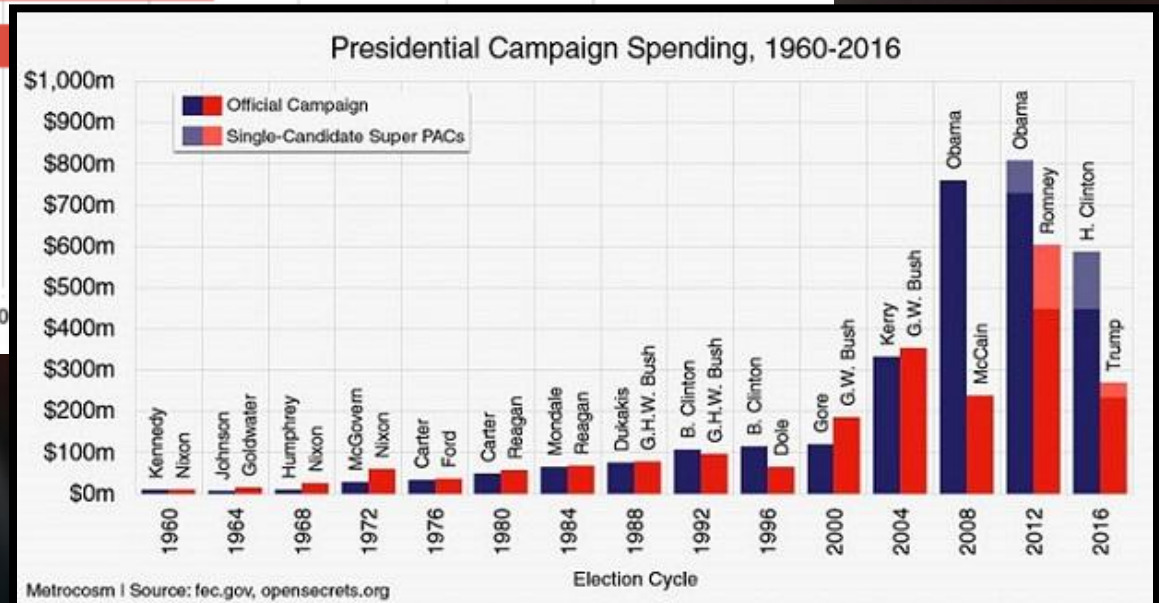
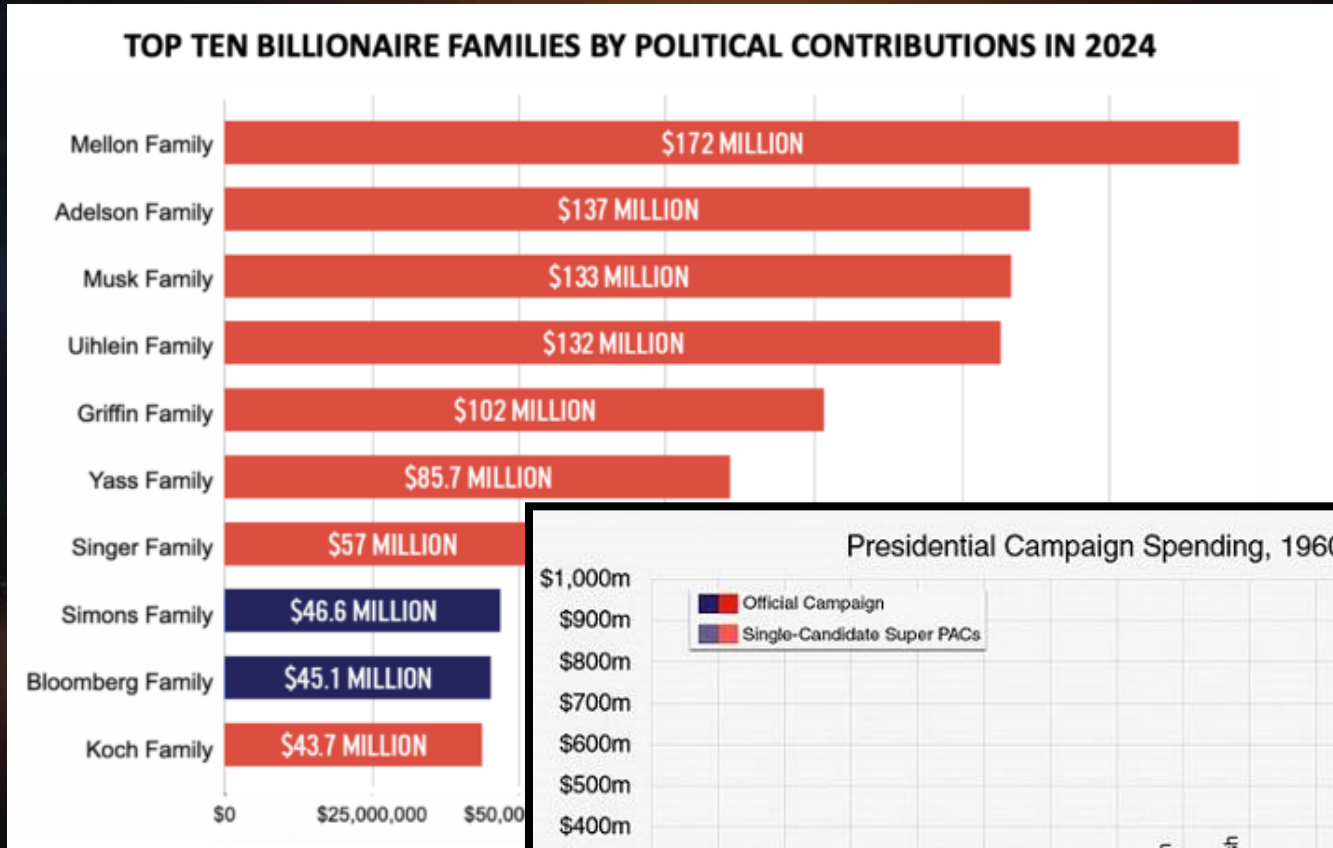
Key Takeaways:

- Wedding experts advise starting cash giving at \$100.
- You may want to adjust up to \$500 based on factors such as your relationship with the couple, your budget and the cost of your attendance at the wedding.
- If your budget is really tight, you may want to consider buying a gift from the registry instead.

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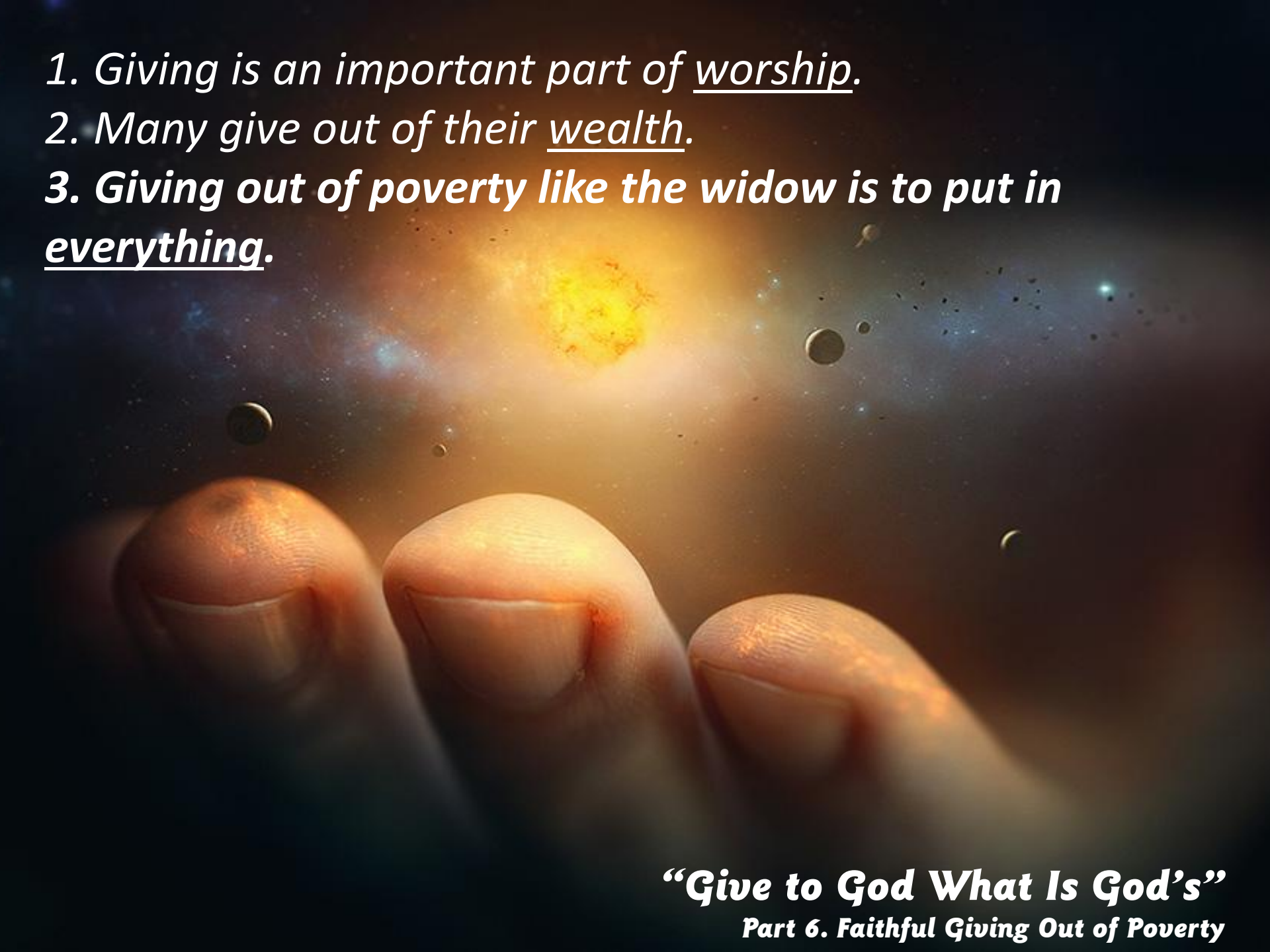
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- A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers spread, set against a dramatic cosmic background. The background features a bright yellow and orange nebula or galaxy core, surrounded by dark space filled with stars and smaller celestial bodies. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the skin and the ridges on the fingers.
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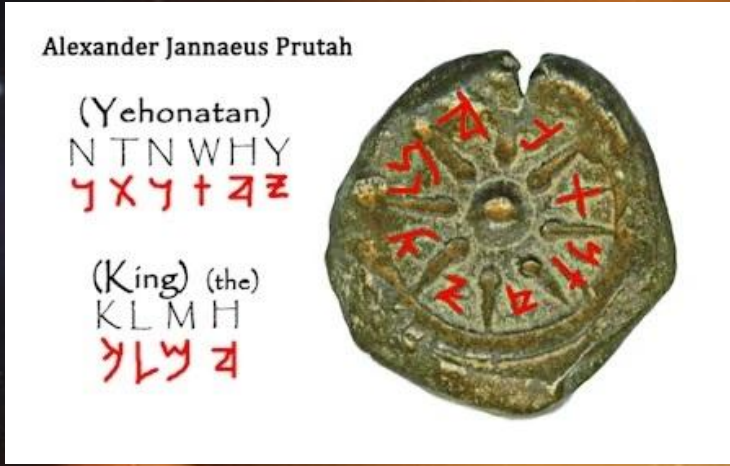
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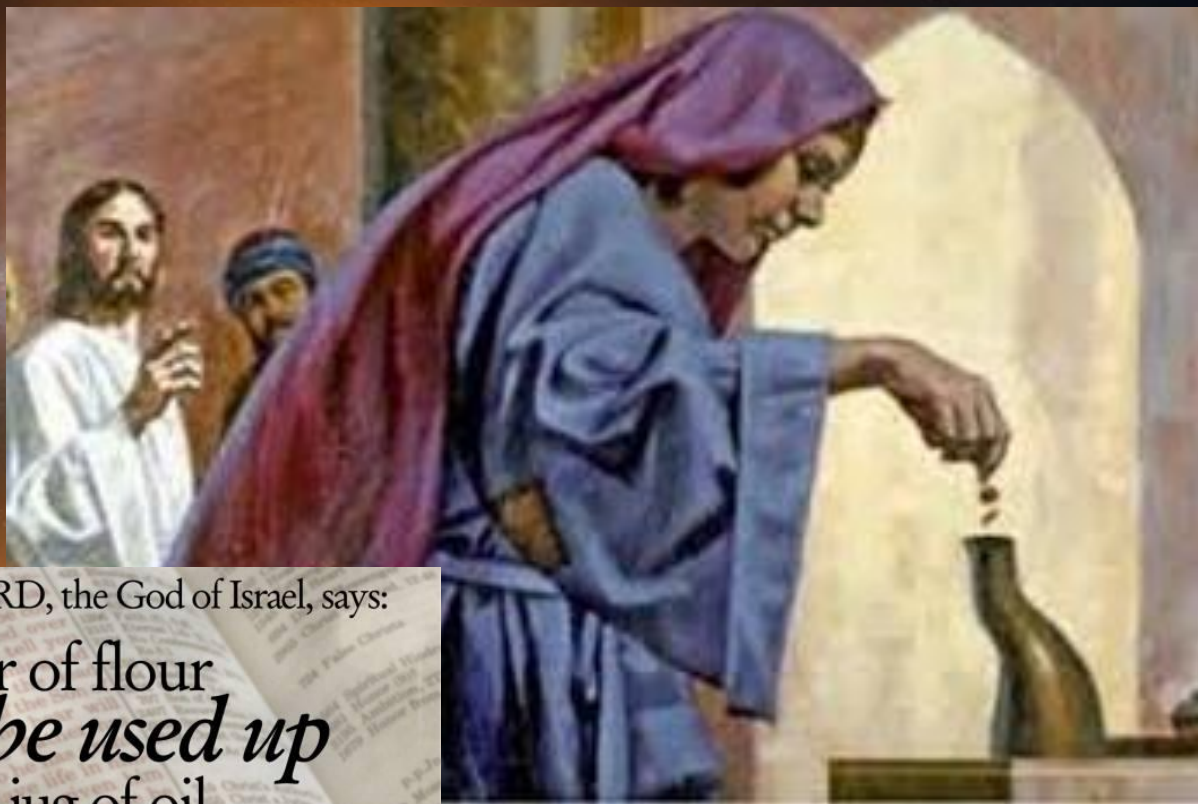
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For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:

*‘The jar of flour
will not be used up
and the jug of oil
will not run dry*

until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’ ”

1 Kings 17:14

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