

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously"
2 Corinthians 9:6

Store Up Treasure in Heaven

As Christians, we are challenged to set our hearts on what truly matters, not on the frivolous things of the earth. (See Colossians 3:1–2.) Jesus challenged His disciples “*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” (Matthew 6:19–21).

Giving a tithe and giving beyond the tithe are ways that you can honor God and support your church’s ministries to reach out to meet the needs of others. “*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it” (Malachi 3:10).*

A New Testament teaching on giving which may be helpful to you is found in 1 Corinthians 16:2: “*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.*” This passage brings out four points: we should give individually, regularly, methodically, and proportionately.

Tithing and Offerings also provide the financial assets for God’s Rolling Thunder to launch and expand a wide continuum of ministries. Together, we are able to accomplish far more than most of us can achieve individually. The spiritual discipline of tithing is one of giving through the church and empowering our ministry. Tithing congregations are beacons of spiritual vitality and health. They are communities grounded in spiritual relationships, beginning with a loving relationship to God as the primary source of strength, hope, and life.

The matter of your giving is between you and God, and He always takes into account our circumstances. He knows when they are beyond our power to direct and control. The important thing is that we see giving as a privilege and not a burden. It should not be out of a sense of duty, **but rather out of love for the Lord** and a desire to see His kingdom advanced.

Brothers and Sisters, our motives for giving are important to God. Second Corinthians 9:6-8 says: “*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*” We at Gods Rolling Thunder give with the expectation that God will faithfully supply whatever you need so that you can abound in good works and generosity!

The deeper question, you see, is this: What has priority in our lives? Is Christ really first—or do we put ourselves and our own desires first? Make sure Christ is first in your life, and then ask Him to guide you.

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