CHURCH OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DOCTRINAL STUDIES – FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING

LESSON 11: GIVING

CLASS NOTES

SUMMARY:

Giving means to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation.[[1]](#footnote-1) The Hebrew meaning for tithe is “to pay a tenth of.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

The first mention of tithing was in Genesis 14:18-20 regarding Abraham. It was a sign of appreciation for the blessing he received from Melchizedek, the priest of God Most High. In Exodus 25:2, God asks for a freewill offering to be given willingly from the heart. We must remember what the Lord Jesus said in Acts 20:35b… ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 6:18

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

SCRIPTURES:

Read Exodus 35:4-5, 20-29: Though God commanded Moses to take an offering from the people of Israel, He also made it a point to specifically address anyone who had a willing heart to give an offering for the tabernacle and the articles of the tabernacle.

Read Mark 12:41-44: In this passage of Scripture, Jesus takes notice of a poor woman who, though she gives out of her poverty, gives more than those who have an abundance. What matters in giving isn’t what you give but the attitude of your heart in which you give.

Read Luke 6:38: In line with the principle of reaping and sowing, this verse supports that when we give, it will be given unto us in abundance.

**Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7:** Paul, speaking to the Corinthian church, told how the church of Macedonia willing gave above and beyond their means, even though they were deeply impoverished.

**Read Proverb 3:9-10:** We are instructed to honor the Lord with what we do have and with what we will have. If we obey His Word, He assures us that the return on our investment will range from plenty to overflow. Giving to God is kind of like buying Kingdom stocks and bonds; the only difference between God’s Wall Street and the world’s version is with God you never lose. You are always guaranteed to gain more than what you put in.

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

Immediately following the announcements in church, the ushers took their place to receive the offering. One lady, who had no money to give, let the offering plate pass before her. Though she is unemployed, she faithfully volunteers at the church; another man gave a tithe of his earnings plus gave an offering from his company’s account; finally, another woman, who only works part time so she can take care of her elderly mother, gave what she was financially able to give.

Is any one of these three greater than another in their giving? Briefly explain why or why not.

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HOMEWORK

MONDAY:

* Study your memory verse 1 Timothy 6:18.
* Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 and answer the following:
  + Do you suppose the words at the end of verse 1 had anything to do with the people giving for the building of the temple without any reservation? Briefly explain your answer.

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* Read verse 9. What three characteristics can you point out about those who gave?

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* In what way can believers see the value of giving by reading this passage of Scripture?

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TUESDAY:

* Study your memory verse 1 Timothy 6:18.
* Read 2Corinthians 9:6-11 and answer the following:
  + Briefly explain what is meant by verse 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What kind of giver are we to be and why? (v7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Who abundantly supplies to us for the good work that is to be done for the Kingdom of God? (v8)

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* In what way is God involved in our giving and our getting? (v10)

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WEDNESDAY:

* Study your memory verse 1 Timothy 6:18.
* Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11 and answer the following:
* Why do you suppose the instructions concerning giving to the poor included a warning in verse 7 against hardening the heart? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Who does God want to take care of the poor? (v8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The seventh year, the year of release is where all debts were canceled. Why did God take that into consideration when addressing those who would lend money to the poor? (v9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What does God promise to do for those who give without grief of heart? (v10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY:

* Study your memory verse 1 Timothy 6:18.
* Read Galatians 6:6-10 and answer the following:
* What will a man reap if he sows to his flesh? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What will a man reap if he sows to the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The world’s way of thinking about money is to acquire wealth and spend it on yourself. How does God’s way of thinking about money differ? (v7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the requirement for us to reap in due season for doing good? (v9)

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FRIDAY:

* Study your memory verse 1 Timothy 6:18.
* Answer the following two questions pertaining to your memory verse.
* How can you use the memory verse scripture in your daily walk?

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* How can you use the memory verse scripture to teach others God’s Word?

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SATURDAY:

* Write your memory verse 1 Timothy 6:18 by memory.

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* Study your notes in preparation for your test tomorrow.

1. Giving. http://dictionary.reference.com [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Tithe. Strong’s Dicitonary. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)