

GIVING & RECEIVING

Giving is much more than what we do on a financial basis. Giving is what we do with our time, treasures and talents. It really involves everything that we own and everything that we are! The honest question on this subject is whether we will trust that God will provide all and any of our needs no matter what He asks us to give away.

Let's start on the subject of giving monetarily.

In the Old Testament the tithe was required of the people to give to tribe of the Levites, also known as the Priesthood.

1. Nehemiah 10:38 What percentage of the produce of the people was considered a tithe?

Answer: The Levites shall bring up the _____ of the tithes to the house of our God

2. Malachi 3:8 In what two ways can someone rob or defraud God?

Answer: How have we robbed Thee? In _____ and _____

3. Malachi 3:9 What happens when we hold back our tithes?

Answer: You are _____ with a _____

4. Malachi 3:10 Is it okay to bring just part of your tithe to God?

Answer: ____

It also says to bring the tithe into the Storehouse. This Storehouse is taken care of by the Levites. It almost seems like God is strict and demanding, but let's see if that is really true.

5. Malachi 3:10 What is a huge promise that we receive when we bring the whole tithe to God?

Answer: He will open for you the _____ of heaven and pour out for you a _____ until it overflows

6. Malachi 3:11 What else did God promise He would do if we tithe?

Answer: Then I will rebuke the _____ for you

7. Malachi 3:12 What amazing thing does God say that all the nations will call you if you tithe?

Answer: They will call you _____ and you shall be a _____ land

With all of these promises it is obvious that God wants to bless us, not take things and money away from us!

Jesus had some harsh words for the religious leaders of his day in regards to their arrogant attitudes toward giving.

8. Matthew 23:23 In the middle of correcting the scribes and Pharisees for not being concerned about things that count the most,(such as justice, mercy and faithfulness), did Jesus indicate that He was nullifying the tithe?

Answer: ____

In addition to the tithe, there are two other types or reasons for giving financially which are above and beyond the tithe. These are given after one has already set aside a tithe.

9. Exodus 35:29 What was the type of gift called that the Israelites brought to help build the Tabernacle when their hearts moved them?

Answer: They brought a _____ to the Lord

There are many types and reasons for offerings mentioned in the Old Testament. Maybe you can explore some these in your essay at the end of this Study.

10. Acts 24:17 What is the third type of financial giving?

Answer: I, (Paul), came to bring _____ to my nation and to present offerings

Alms were known as charitable offerings or giving to the poor. This usually involved giving material things such as food and clothing.

Our giving is much more than giving financially!

11. John 3:16 What did God give to us that would result in eternity with Him if they believed in Him, which as we have discussed in prior studies, means trusting in Him?

Answer: He gave His only begotten ____

God's reward for this amazing action of Love brought forth and is still bringing forth many sons and daughters!

12. Galatians 6:7 A stern warning is given here that exhorts us not to be deceived about what kind of very important Biblical principle?

Answer: For whatever a man _____, this he will also ____

Let's look at some advice the Bible gives to help us maintain the right attitude in giving.

13. 2 Corinthians 9:7 What are two ways not to give by in order to keep this process of giving and receiving in a proper working order?

Answer: Not _____ or under _____

14. 2 Corinthians 9:7 What kind of giver does God love?

Answer: God loves a _____ giver

15. Matthew 6:31 In regards to showing God that we fully expect Him to meet our needs, what should we not be doing if we truly believe that He will provide our food, drink, and clothing?

Answer: Do not be _____ then

16. Matthew 6:33 What two things should we be continually seeking first in order to help us not become anxious or worrisome?

Answer: But seek first His _____ and His _____

As we will study in further depth in another Bible Study, righteousness involves having a right standing with God.

17. Matthew 6:33 What is our benefit if we make God and His Kingdom our first priority?

Answer: _____ these things shall added to you

18. 1 Timothy 6:9 What happens to a person that wants to get rich?

Answer: It will plunge men into _____ and _____

19. 1 Timothy 6:10 What attitude towards money is the real root of all sorts of evil?

Answer: For the _____ of money is the root of all sorts of evil

Once we have the proper attitude and perspective on giving and the dangerous pitfalls that wanting to get rich can produce, then we are ready to receive the benefits from our giving!

20. 2 Corinthians 9:8 How much does God want us to have for every good deed?

Answer: You may have an _____ for every good deed

21. 2 Corinthians 9:10 What does God want to do to your seed for sowing besides just supply it?

Answer: He will supply and _____ your seed for sowing

22. 2 Corinthians 9:10 As a result of this multiplication process what does God then increase?

Answer: He will increase the _____ of your righteousness

God uses agricultural terms a lot in scripture because that was the main form of industry in that day.

23. Luke 6:38 Where do the blessings of God fall in regards to your faithful giving?

Answer: They will pour into your _____

Here are a few scriptures to help you on your Essay: Ecclesiastes 11:1; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; 2 Timothy 3:1-3; Deuteronomy 8:18; Deuteronomy 28:1-14

ESSAY:

ANSWERS:

1. Tenth
2. Tithes, Offerings
3. Cursed, Curse
4. No
5. Windows, Blessing
6. Devourer
7. Blessed, Delightful
8. No
9. Freewill offering
10. Alms
11. Son
12. Sows, Reap
13. Grudgingly, Compulsion
14. Cheerful
15. Anxious
16. Kingdom, Righteousness
17. All
18. Ruin, Destruction
19. Love
20. Abundance
21. Multiply
22. Harvest
23. Lap