

The Discipline of Giving

BIBLICAL MONEY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES:

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

11. “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.
12. “Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

Proverbs 21:5a

The plans of the diligent *lead* surely to advantage, ...

Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

1 Timothy 6:18

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

Proverbs 21:20

There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man swallows it up.

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower *becomes* the lender’s slave.

Proverbs 17:18

A man lacking in sense pledges and becomes guarantor in the presence of his neighbor.

Proverbs 22:26-27

26. Do not be among those who give pledges, among those who become guarantors for debts.
27. If you have nothing with which to pay, why should he take your bed from under you?

Luke 12:15

Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”

Proverbs 21:5b

The plans of the diligent *lead* surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty *comes* surely to poverty.

Proverbs 14:23

In all labor there is profit, but mere talk *leads* only to poverty.

Philippians 4:11

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

Hebrews 13:5

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”

Deuteronomy 12:5-6

5. "But you shall seek *the LORD* at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.
6. "There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.

Numbers 18:21

To the sons of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting.

2 Chronicles 31:4-6

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4. Also he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the law of the LORD.
5. As soon as the order spread, the sons of Israel provided in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of all.
6. The sons of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of sacred gifts which were consecrated to the LORD their God, and placed *them* in heaps.

Deuteronomy 16:10-11

10. "Then you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the LORD your God blesses you;
11. and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite who is in your town, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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1 John 4:9

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

Galatians 1:4

(*Jesus*) who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

↑ 4	<p><u>Galatians 2:20</u> I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the <i>life</i> which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.</p> <p><u>Ephesians 5:2, 25</u> 2. and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. ... 25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,</p> <p><u>1 Timothy 2:6</u> (<i>Jesus</i>) who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony <i>given</i> at the proper time.</p> <p><u>Titus 2:14</u> (<i>Jesus</i>) who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.</p>
8	<p><u>1 Corinthians 16:1-4</u> 1. Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2. On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come. 3. When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; 4. and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.</p> <p><u>Matthew 6:1-4</u> 1. "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. 2. "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 3. "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4. so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees <i>what is done</i> in secret will reward you.</p>
9	<p><u>Galatians 6:6</u> The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches <i>him</i>.</p> <p><u>1 Corinthians 9:11-14</u> 11. If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? 12. If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. 13. Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the <i>food</i> of the temple, <i>and</i> those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar? 14. So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.</p>

10	<p><u>1 Corinthians 16:2</u> On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.</p>
11	<p><u>Acts 20:35</u> "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "</p> <p><u>Psalm 41:1-3</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.2. The LORD will protect him and keep him alive, and he shall be called blessed upon the earth; and do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.3. The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; in his illness, You restore him to health. <p><u>Proverbs 19:17</u> One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed.</p>

2 Corinthians 8

1. Now, brethren, we *wish* to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,
2. that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.
3. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord,
4. begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,
5. and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.
6. So we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well.
7. But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, *see* that you abound in this gracious work also.
8. I am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.
9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.
10. I give *my* opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do *this*, but also to desire *to do it*.
11. But now finish doing it also, so that just as *there was* the readiness to desire it, so *there may be* also the completion of it by your ability.
12. For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what *a person* has, not according to what he does not have.
13. For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality—
14. at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for their need, so that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your need, that there may be equality;

15. as it is written, “HE WHO *gathered* MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO *gathered* LITTLE HAD NO LACK.”
16. But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus.
17. For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.
18. We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in *the things of the gospel has spread* through all the churches;
19. and not only *this*, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and *to show* our readiness,
20. taking precaution so that no one will discredit us in our administration of this generous gift;
21. for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.
22. We have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found diligent in many things, but now even more diligent because of *his* great confidence in you.
23. As for Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, *they are* messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ.
24. Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

2 Corinthians 9

1. For it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints;
2. for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, *namely*, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.
3. But I have sent the brethren, in order that our boasting about you may not be made empty in this case, so that, as I was saying, you may be prepared;
4. otherwise if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to speak of you—will be put to shame by this confidence.
5. So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, so that the same would be ready as a bountiful gift and not affected by covetousness.
6. Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
7. Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
8. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;
9. as it is written, “HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”
10. Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
11. you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.
12. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.
13. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,
14. while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.
15. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!