

9. To whom should we give?

- a) we support our local churches, believers
- b) and/or where we are spiritually fed
- c) ministries, charities, organizations and causes furthering the kingdom

(Gal 6:6; 1 Cor 9:11, 14)

How can we decide which worthy causes to support? The following considerations and questions could help in making the decision

- No matter what a ministry's mission is, is the gospel still forefront in all that it does?
- Does it uphold the authority of God's Word?
- Are its goals and purposes being accomplished? Is it having an impact?
- Is the ministry using its money wisely?
- Do its financial priorities appear to be in line with those God's Word outlines?
- Is the organization open and honest about its finances and decisions?
- Is it willing to disclose its appropriate financial information?
- Ask God to lead you to the causes He wants you to support and to give you a passion for them
- Trust God and give

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/who-to-donate-to.html>

10. How much are we to give?

- according to our ability
- beyond our ability → sacrificially
- according to what we have, not what we do not have
- as we may prosper
- abounding in it
- but of our own accord
- each one must do as he has purposed in his heart
- not compelled to give a certain amount

(1 Cor 16:2)

11. GIVING PRINCIPLES

- a) first, before all else, we are to give ourselves to the Lord
- b) if we sow sparingly we will reap sparingly
if we sow bountifully we will reap bountifully
- c) God's grace abounds providing
 - sufficiency in everything
 - abundance (over what is needed) for every good deed

- d) God supplies the seed and the harvest
 - He will multiply our seed for sowing
 - He will increase the harvest of our righteousness
- e) when God enriches us it is for all liberality
 - then the ministry of giving
 - fully supplies the needs of the saints
 - overflows through many thanksgivings to God
- f) Giving is proof of our obedience
 - the saints will glorify God
 - * for our obedience to the gospel
 - * for our liberality to them and to all
 - the saints will pray for us
 - the saints will yearn for us because of the surpassing grace of God in us
- g) God BLESSES the giver
 - it is more blessed to give than to receive
- h) God LOVES the cheerful giver

(Acts 20:35; Ps 41:1-3; Pr 19:17)

**THANKS BE TO GOD
FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!**