
Biblical Giving

If someone were to look at your checkbook or bank account, what would they learn about how you spend your money? Use the space below to reflect on this question.

Paul had a unique relationship with Jesus. Not only was his conversion on the road to Damascus incredible, but Jesus revealed Himself to the apostle on other occasion as well. On one of those occasion, Jesus taught that “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). This teaching formed the foundation of Paul’s understanding of giving.

Principles for Giving

Read the following passages and write down what you see as a principle that should be applied for giving. Pay particular attention to who is giving and what they are giving to.

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Philippians 4:10-20

1 Timothy 5:17-18

A Warning

Just as in our day, Paul was concerned that people would become too attached to material things and forget about godliness. Read the following instructions Paul gives to Timothy and make note of how we should guard against becoming materialistic.

1 Timothy 5:6-7

1 Timothy 5:10

1 Timothy 5:17-19

Application

1. Reflect on the question at the beginning of this study. In light of what you have learned, how will biblical giving affect the manner in which you use your resources?

2. Giving is one of those spiritual gifts that certain people have that empowers them in a special way to provide resources for God's work. However, it is also a responsibility for us as well as an opportunity to worship God with how He has provided for us. What are practical ways you might worship God in your giving?