Series: "Topical Teaching"
"Giving Is An Act Of Worship"
1 Corinthians 16:1-4
Sunday, October 18, 2026

There are at least **2,350 passages** in the Bible concerning money and material possessions. That's more than on any other subject.
38 Parables of Jesus: 12 parables involving God-given resources and material goods.

In the four gospels, one out of every eight verses speaks of money.
The Epistle to the **Philippians** is a thank-you note for giving an offering.
2 Corinthians has 2 chapters dedicated to giving **2 Corinthians 8-9**

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Is Rich In **"Christian Stewardship" (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).**
Stewardship – *"is one that manages, or has oversight over the affairs of another; he does not own that which he has been entrusted with but manages it as if it is his own" (Believers)*

The Corinthian Church wrote to the Apostle Paul and asked questions.
Paul then addressed these questions in this letter.
Marriage, singleness, **food offered to idols** (liberty), **Lord's Supper,**
about **Spiritual Gifts, Resurrection From The Dead**.

The last question addressed was about "Giving to God"
1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints,
that is to their credit.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Spiritual Giving Is An Act Of Worship Whereby Believers Give Freely And Proportionately Based Upon God's Blessings."

<u>Seven Principles "Giving Is An Act Of Worship"</u>

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now
Signals a transition in thought to what Paul has been speaking.
He has spent the entire previous chapter, **1 Corinthians 15,** about the resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:58 <u>always abounding in the work of the Lord,</u>

After Paul had taught on the **Resurrection,** he transitions into teaching on **Giving** to the Lord. (Our Giving is Spiritual!)

concerning the collection,
The word **collection –** means *"to say something."*
for the saints, this was an offering for the suffering saints of Jerusalem.

Acts 11:29-30

collection for the saints
It had a purpose. They were not just collecting money to collect money.

The Resurrection Gives Life, So We Should Invest In The Eternal:

2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
Are passages concerning the giving of this offering to the saints at Jerusalem.

1. Giving Is By The Believers To The Church:

as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

Paul teaching on giving was the same everywhere he went!
Christians Are Givers Because God Has Changed Their Hearts! Acts 20:35

This involved the giving of all the churches to meet the need.
Those of Galatia and Macedonia. **1 Corinthians 12:26**

1 Corinthians 16:2

2. Giving Is An Act Of Worship:

On the first day of every week
This is the basis for Christians Worshipping on Sunday.
Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week Sunday.
This started the practice of Christians meeting on Sunday.

Acts 20:7 And on the first day of the week,

Our Giving Is An Act Of Worship.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Cheerful is the word we get *"hilarious"* from.

(We miss out! On the blessings)

3. Giving Is A Christian Quality:

each one of you
Notice that giving was to be by each believer! Rich and Poor.

Every Christian Should Give:
No matter how poor you may be!

2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart;

2 Corinthians 8:1-2

Mark 12:41
Widow who gave to small coins. She gave out of her poverty!

4. Giving Should Be Determined Beforehand:

put aside and save, (KJV lay by him in store),
Literally *"let everyone of you treasure up a precious thing."*

Luke 16:11 not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth,
who will entrust the true riches to you?

2 Corinthians 9:7

5. Giving Should Be Proportionate:

as he may prosper,
The word **prosper –** *"good journey"*
The giving was in proportion to God's financial blessings upon our lives.
(How has God blessed us on life's journey?)

2 Corinthians 9:6

Luke 6:38

I believe that the NT teaches that **"Grace Giving"** in the OT (Israel) was to tithe– 10%– along with other offerings. As much as 30% - 35% was given to God.

Should we at least start with 10%?

God is concerned about! Actions and Attitudes! The Heart!

2 Corinthians 8:12

We will never have enough, (Uncertainty of riches!) 1 Timothy 6:17

6. Giving Should Not Be Through Pressure:

so that no collections be made when I come.
Offering was to be ready to be delivered on arrival.
Matthew 6:3-4

1 Corinthians 16:3

7. Giving Should Be To A Ministry Of Integrity:

When I arrive, whomever you may approve,
The offering was carried by proven faithful men.

whomever you may approve,
The world has checks and balances when it comes to finances; should not the church even be above this?

I shall send them with letters
These letters were some types of correspondence that these faithful men would travel and deliver.

to carry your gift to Jerusalem;
Notice that Paul was not going to be carrying the gift,
but it was going to be by the other faithful men.

1 Corinthians 16:4
Paul was open to the plan of him traveling with the group and the offering.

Application:

1. Giving Is Not A One-Time Gift, Nor An Occasional Gift, But A Lifestyle:

2. When Giving Is Presented Biblically, No Christian Should Ever Take Offense:

3. Tithing Is An Old Testament Teaching For Israel. The Christian Is Under Grace. Because Of Grace The Believer Is Liberated And Gives Beyond OT Giving:

4. Am I Giving Back To God What Is Rightfully His? **Matthew 22:21**