

# **GIVING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Proverbs 3:9**

**When it comes to giving, God's primary focus is on the givers attitude and actions and not the amount.**

### **I. GIVE WORSHIPFULLY** - Proverbs 3:9

- A. HONORING THE LORD FROM YOUR WEALTH - Prov. 3:9
- B. GIVING AS STIRRED BY GOD - Exodus 35:20-21
- C. GIVING BECAUSE OF REVIVAL - Nehemiah 10:32-39
- D. SO THAT GOD WILL BE PRAISED - II Corinthians 9:12-13

### **II. GIVE PERSONALLY** - II Corinthians 9:7

- A. AS YOU PURPOSE IN YOUR HEART - II Cor. 9:7
  - 1. To "purpose" is to "decide after deliberation"
  - 2. Not grudgingly or under compulsion
  - 3. Cheerful giving comes when you're able to give as God impressed you to do
  - 4. Exp: Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8
- B. OF YOUR OWN ACCORD - II Corinthians 8:1-4

### **III. GIVE PROPORTIONATELY** - Acts 11:27-30

- A. ACCORDING TO YOUR MEANS - Acts 11:29
  - 1. Each disciple in Antioch determined what each could give and then did so
  - 2. Wealthy believers receive special instructions with regard to giving in I Tim. 6:17-19
  - 3. Former thieves are told to work so that they can give - Eph. 4:28
- B. AS YOU PROSPER - I Corinthians 16:1-2
  - Setting aside something to give
- C. DEPENDING ON THE NEED - II Corinthians 8:13-15

IV. **GIVE SACRIFICIALLY** - II Samuel 24:22-24

- A. GIVING THAT COSTS YOU SOMETHING - II Samuel 24:22-24
- B. WORKING HARD TO PROVIDE FOR A NEED - Philippians 2:29-30
- C. GIVING AWAY YOUR DAY'S RESOURCES
  - 1. The widow's mite - Mark 12:41-44
  - 2. The lad's lunch - John 6:5-14
- D. GIVING AN EXPENSIVE ITEM - Mark 14:3-8

V. **GIVE PARTICULARLY**

- A. TO MINISTERS - Galatians 6:6-7, I Cor. 9:13-14 and I Tim. 5:17-18
- B. TO MISSIONARIES - Philippians 4:10-18 and III John 5-8
- C. TO WIDOWS - Acts 6:1 and I Timothy 5:3-16
- D. TO ORPHANS - James 1:27
- E. TO THE NEEDY - II Corinthians 8:13-15, James 2:15-17 and I John 3:16-18
- F. TO THE WEAK - Acts 20:35

VI. **GIVE THOUGHTFULLY** - II Corinthians 8:16-24

- A. TO MINISTRIES KEEPING THINGS HONORABLE - II Cor. 8:20-21
- B. WHERE CHURCH-APPROVED TREASURERS ARE IN PLACE - I Corinthians 16:3

VII. **GIVE CONFIDENTLY** - Psalm 37:25

- A. RELISHING GOD'S PROMISES
  - 1. Understanding that righteous givers will not be forsaken - Psalm 37:25
  - 2. Believing blessings are bestowed on givers - Malachi 3:10-11
  - 3. Knowing God gives generously to givers - Luke 6:38
- B. RECOGNIZING GOD'S SUFFICIENCY - II Corinthians 9:8
  - 1. God's grace guarantees our sufficiency in everything, but not our prosperity - II Cor. 9:8
  - 2. God has promised to meet our needs - Philippians 4:19

**CONCLUSION:**

*Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive* (Acts 20:35)

**- Let's follow God's instructions and be blessed givers!**

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