

Giving and Receiving (Part 2)
Philippians 4:12-20

When Living Means Christ, We Realize...

- ...This world is not our ultimate home - Lk 12:15
- ...All we have, we have received by grace - 1 Cor 4:7
- ...All we have, belongs to God - 1 Cor 4:1-2
- ...All we have is to be used for sake of others - 1 Tim 6:17-19

Determining How We "Give":

The "tithe" may have been an Old Covenant norm, but it is not a New Covenant standard
- Lev 27:3-33; Num 18:21; Mal 3:10; Heb 8:13; 10:9; Ro 6:14

- A tithe may be an indicator for loving and disciplined giving, but it is not a law

...God is not growing us up to be tithers, but to be Christ-like givers - Ro 8:29

Develop a Love, not a Law for Giving: II Cor 5:14

- We are to give WILLINGLY - II Cor 8:3,8; 9:7

...out of grace, not guilt

- We are to give GENEROUSLY - II Cor 8:2,3; 9:6

...out of the attitude of our heart, not the amount of our bank account

- We are to give CHEERFULLY - II Cor 9:7

...out of delight, not duty

- We are to give SACRIFICIALLY - II Cor 8:3; II Sam 24:24

...out of love, not leftovers

- We are to give SYSTEMATICALLY/INTENTIONALLY - I Cor 16:1-2

...out of thoughtfulness, not carelessness

We can expect an increase in...

...balance ...simplicity ...sensitivity ...contentment

and

...in an awareness of God's faithfulness!