

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

DIG DEEPER INTO THE MESSAGE WITH THESE BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How does Psalm 50:14 connect our thanksgiving to our giving? Reflect on the phrase "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving."
2. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul uses farming imagery to teach about giving. How does the principle of "sowing and reaping" apply to our generosity?
3. According to Numbers 18:21-32 and Deuteronomy 14:22-29, what were the different types of tithes in the Old Testament? How do these inform our understanding of giving today?
4. Jesus said in Luke 14:33, "Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." How does this challenge our modern approach to stewardship?
5. Study 1 Corinthians 9:13-14. How does Paul connect Old Testament support for Levites to New Testament support for ministers?
6. Review Matthew 10:10 where Jesus says "The worker is worthy of his support." How does this principle apply to church ministry support today?
7. What does 2 Corinthians 3:9-10 suggest about how our giving under the new covenant should compare to Old Testament giving?
8. In Matthew 19:21, Jesus tells the rich man to "sell your possessions and give to the poor." How should this shape our attitude toward accumulating wealth?
9. Study Galatians 2 regarding Paul's meeting with the apostles. Why was "remembering the poor" their primary concern for Paul's ministry?
10. According to Matthew 5 (Sermon on the Mount), what should our response be to those who ask for help? How practical is this teaching today?
11. The sermon mentions Levitical priests being supported by tithes. Study Deuteronomy 14:22-27 about festival tithes. How did these different types of giving serve different purposes?
12. In 2 Corinthians 9:8, God promises to "bless you abundantly." How does this promise relate to our hesitancy or willingness to give generously?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What aspects of God's character from this sermon most impact how you view giving?
2. Share a time when you experienced joy through giving. What made it particularly meaningful?
3. How do you balance thoughtful, planned giving with spontaneous generosity to those in need?
4. The sermon mentions that Old Testament believers gave far more than 10%. How does this challenge your current approach to giving?
5. What fears or concerns hold you back from being more generous? How does God's promise of provision address these?
6. How do you teach or model generosity to the next generation? What methods have worked well?
7. The sermon suggests "you can't out give God." Share experiences that have proven this true in your life.
8. How has your motivation for giving changed as your faith has matured?

9. What role should emotion play in giving? How do we balance "cheerful giving" with disciplined commitment?
10. How do you decide where to direct your giving beyond local church support?
11. What practical steps could you take to become more intentional about giving?
12. How has this sermon series changed your perspective on stewardship?