

## Law or Grace Giving – 2

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### How do I know what to give?

#### 1) Five hindrances to giving

- Lack of understanding God
- Lack of understanding about giving
- Lack of discerning distractions
- Lack of understanding previous teaching about tithing
- Lack of understanding grace giving.

#### 2) Law giving

- Tithing – three tithes
  - Supporting the Levitical worship ministry Num. 18:21-24
  - Supporting the festivals and sacrifices Deut. 12:5-7
  - Support for the poor every 3<sup>rd</sup> years Deut. 14:28-29
- Store-house giving Malachi 3:8-10
- New Testament lack of support. Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42; 18:9-12; Heb. 7:4-10
- Old Testament lack of support Gen. 14:17-20; 28:20-22

#### 3) Five reasons a Spirit-filled Christian will give

- He loves the Lord Matt. 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:17-18.
- He loves others 1 Jn. 3:17
- When what he can see does not matter Matt. 6:1-4
- Because giving more results in receiving more Luke 6:38
- Because by work he can give more Eph. 4:28

#### 4) Grace giving

- From the Spirit** Gal. 5:18; Acts 4:32-35
- Deliberate** 1 Cor. 16:1-2
- Privately**
- Determining the amount proportionately**

#### 5) Grace giving of 2 Cor. 8

- Gives even in poverty 2 Cor. 8:1-2
- Looks for the opportunity to give 2 Cor. 8:3-4
- Commits first to the Lord 2 Cor. 8:5.
- Abounds in giving 2 Cor. 8:6-7
- Proves your love 2 Cor. 8:8
- Follows Jesus' pattern 2 Cor. 8:9
- Can include a pledge 2 Cor. 8:10-11
- Willingly gives to the Lord 2 Cor. 8:12
- Shares for the sake of others 2 Cor. 8:13-15

#### 6) Grace giving: 2 Cor. 9

- Sows in trust of a return 2 Cor. 9:6
- Gives from the heart 2 Cor. 9:7a.
- Gives cheerfully 2 Cor. 9:7b
- Trusts God's provision 2 Cor. 9:8-11
- Multiplies worship 2 Cor. 9:12
- Gives glory to God 2 Cor. 9:13
- Creates bonds between believers in thanks to God 2 Cor. 9:14
- Reminds us of God's indescribable gift 2 Cor. 9:15

#### 7) Hindrances to Grace Giving

- Giving is measurable
- Measuring obedience
- Pastors think they can convict people
- People do not want to feel bad
- People want things
- Tax deductions

#### 8) Grace giving warning Jam. 5: 1-5

#### 9) Grace giving living Titus 2:11-14

*When Jesus is your focus, grace giving happens.  
Take your eyes off of Jesus, and miss the blessing.*

### Message Based Discussion Questions

- How were you taught about giving when growing up?

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- What did the widow give in the treasury (Luke 21:1-4)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ What point was Jesus making?
- In the passage of Luke 21:1-4, who was it that Jesus was talking about and to? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Why do you suppose Jesus did not say anything about how the Pharisees were not good stewards of the money, because of the wickedness of the temple worship?
- Read 1 Tim. 6:17-18. It says, "God gives us richly to \_\_\_\_\_". What do you suppose is the best way to enjoy what He gives (cf. 1 Tim. 6:18)?

#### **Making application from the message:**

- How will you put the principles of "grace giving" into practice? What is the most important perspective?
- How would you disciple someone who asks you how much to give?
- How then should our living be affected by our giving?