



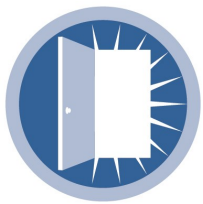
WHEN
YOU
GIVE

Generosity for the Christian Family

Bible
Study

when you give Bible study

a new testament look at generosity for the Christian family



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intro

Let us say on the front end, that these giving opportunities are somewhat symbiotic in that the local church, mission agencies, nonprofits, and individuals work hand in hand to meet the needs of our world. This study is not attempting to create competition or divisiveness between the different groups but rather to identify for the Christian family the areas of opportunity to invest our resources. The bottom line is that the Global "C"hurch is made up of many parts and God has been highly creative in how He is building His Kingdom. We are privileged to be able to participate by giving of our time, talent, and treasure (T3).

Disclaimer it is probable that we have missed some of your favorite verses on the topic. Let us know and we will add them. **We need to identify how much God wants us to give and then pray about where He wants us to give His money.**

Paul in his letter to Timothy captures the essence of individual giving. When you think about the wealth of the West and the fact that we have been blessed to be a blessing, his words to the rich is appropriate for many of us.

1 Timothy 6: **17** Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. *18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*

In this study, we are addressing the areas that the New Testament points out for the Christian

W Widow and orphans

E Elderly parents

L Local church

C Christians

O pOor

M Missions and ministries

E Evangelism and discipleship

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Widows and orphans

James 1:27

1 Timothy 5:3-16

Elderly parents

Mark 7:9-13

1 Timothy 5:3-8

Local church

Acts 4:32-37

Acts 6:1-6, 1 Tim 5:3-16

1 Tim 5:17-18, Gal 6:6-9

Acts 13:1-3

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

2 Corinthians 8:1-24

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17

other Christians

Acts 2:42-47

Galatians 6:9-10

Romans 12:6-18

Hebrews 6:10-12

Hebrews 13:16-16

Acts 11:27-30

James 2:14-17

1 John 3:16-18

the pOor

Matthew 6:1-4

Galatians 2:9-10

Acts 24:17-21

Matthew 25:31-46

Luke 12:32-34

Ephesians 4:28

Luke 18:18-25

Romans 15:25-28

Missions and ministries

Luke 8:1-3

1 Corinthians 9:1-14

Luke 10:1-12

Acts 18:1-6

I Corinthians 16:10-18

Rom 16:1-2, 3 Jn 5-9

Philippians 4:10-19

Ro 15:22-24, Titus 3:13-14

personal Evangelism & discipleship

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Luke 10:30-37

Hebrews 13:2

Matthew 5:38-48

Roman 12:18-21

Matthew 9:35-38

lets start a giving plan

1. start with heart

What are some areas you/spouse have a natural bend of compassion towards. Kids, animals, under served communities, etc..)

2. set the amount

Right down an amount that makes you cheerful when you give. If you have a partner, do this independently, then come together and decide on a number together. This can be any amount to start. Trust me, if you follow thru, this will be fun! We have a family that has decided to set aside \$10 a month to bake cookies for their neighborhood moms.

3. state the frequency

Chose a frequency for the areas you have chosen to give towards? Monthly, Bimonthly, Annually)

(over)

4. stay connected

Think how you will make this NEW giving a monthly exercise that is visible, regular, and experiential. The hard part is you must design your plan with all three elements (visible, regular and experiential). For example: often automatic giving can help us to be regular givers but leave us emotionally unattached to the cause. Think about setting up a monthly routine. We know some people who have put a map of causes they support in a very visible place. Some people make it a habit to write out and mail an old fashion check, just so then can make their giving a part of their monthly experience. Take a minute to design the how you will make this a part of your financial inspiration. Make it fun!

Visible (how will you see it) _____

Regular (how will you send it) _____

Experiential (how will you bring it to mind) _____

5. solidify who you are

When building a new habit an “identity statement” can be very powerful. Both the positive kind and the negative. Example- “we are not routinely generous people ” versus “The Smith’s are regular givers to causes that support education and income growth to children and the working poor”. Take a minute to write down an identity statement about who you are even if this is your first time to take action.