

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. [18] Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (NIV)

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. [2] Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 (NIV)

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

Entirely on their own, [4] they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. [5] And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

2 Corinthians 8:6-7 (NIV)

So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

[7] But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

We BELIEVE we...

**We Should be
GENEROUS Givers**

1 Timothy 6:17-19

→ Purpose for the **Offering**

→ Offering taken **WEEKLY**

→ In **PROPORTION** to Income

No required **AMOUNT** or **PERCENTAGE** for giving to the **Lord's work** is specified in the N.T. All **giving** to the Lord is to be **FREE WILL** giving and completely **DISCRETIONARY**. MacArthur

→ **Plan to handle offering Honestly**

Giving is VOLUNTARY-

God's people are not to give out of
**compulsion, manipulation, or
intimidation.**

Freewill giving has always
been **God's plan.** MacArthur

→ Do we Consider **GIVING** a Privilege?

→ They **Gave** themselves **FULLY** to **God** - including **their MONEY**

There is no way to grow to spiritual maturity without committing our finances to the Lord.

**Jesus does not really have our hearts
if He does not have our money.** RK Hughes

Philippians 4:12-13 (NLT)

I know how to live on **almost NOTHING** or **with EVERYTHING**. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a **full stomach** or **empty**, with **plenty** or **little**.

[13] For **I can do everything through Christ**, who **gives me strength**.

God gives back lavishly
to generous, cheerful givers,
NOT so they may **satisfy selfish**
desires,
but so they may **meet the variety**
of needs others have. MacArthur

Principles of Generous Giving...

- Never **GIVE** to **GET**
- Give what you **DECIDE** to Give
- Give **GENEROUSLY - SACRIFICIALLY**
- all offerings should be handled **Carefully**
with **HONESTY** and **INTEGRITY**

→ **Give REGULARLY**

Exodus 25:2 (NIV)

...You are to receive the offering

for ME from each man

whose **heart PROMPTS** him to **GIVE.**

→ Give what you **DECIDE** to Give

Proverbs 3:9 (NET) **Honor the LORD from your wealth** and from the first fruits of all your crops...

→ Give **WILLINGLY** and **Generously**

Mark 12:43-44 (HCS)

...**This poor widow has put in more** than all those giving to the temple treasury. [44] For **they all gave out of their surplus**, but **she out of her poverty** has put in **everything** she possessed - **all she had to live on.**

→ Give **SACRIFICIALLY** when
you are **ABLE**

MAKE all you can -

SAVE all you can - **GIVE** all you can.

John Wesley

→ Teach your kids to Give

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to SHARE with others.

1 Timothy 6:19 (NLT)

By doing this they will **be storing up** their **treasure** as a good foundation **for the future** so that they **may experience true life.**