

WHAT TO DO WITH MONEY (cont.)

Give To God

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REASONS FOR GIVING:

I. 2 Corinthians 9:5-8

- a. Because it takes money to minister to the saints (verse 1).
 - i. Therefore, prepare in advance (vs. 5) to give bountifully (generously).
- b. Because you reap what you sow (verse 6).
- c. Because it reveals your heart condition (verse 7).
 - i. People gladly spend money on the object of their affection (husband, wife, child).
 - ii. What you give reveals the level of affection you have for your Lord.
 - iii. Giving is expected of “every man” (vs. 7), but the amount is left up to each person.
- d. Because God loves a cheerful giver; one who gives because they love and appreciate Him (vs. 7)
- e. Because when you give to “every good work,” God will give you grace and provision to give more (vs. 8).

II. 1 Corinthians 9:6-17

- a. Because God said the one who *willingly* (vs. 17) ministers spiritual things to others should be compensated by their carnal things. (verse 11).
 - i. Willingly: If you won't serve the Lord for free, you shouldn't be serving the Lord for pay.
- b. So that a minister is available to meet the spiritual needs of the people when the time comes that they have a need. (A principle established in the Old Testament and New Testament).
- c. Because those who are willing to go to the mission field can't go without support.
 - i. If you're not willing to go, be willing to give so others can go.

III. 1 Corinthians 16:1-3

- a. Because it is expected that every believer is going to give (vs. 1) when they assemble (vs. 2).
 - i. It is expected that you will be willing to give liberally (generously, freely) for the sake of the God you love (vs. 3).

IV. Romans 15:26

a. It is my duty to minister carnal things to those from whom I have benefited in spiritual things.

V. Because when you give to the work of God (with right motives), God promises to give it back.

a. Luke 6:38

b. Galatians 6:7

c. Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

i. It is an investment.

VI. Haggai 1:3-9

a. Because if we devote all our money only to selfish things, our money be diminished (reduced) and we'll struggle to make ends meet.

b. Because the Lord takes pleasure in our giving to the work of the Lord (vs. 8).

VII. Genesis 14:18-20

a. Bible precedent: the first time a tithe was given, it was given out of appreciation for what God had done.