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## *Why Do You Give*

Ever since I can Remember, I have had an inner desire to help others that are in need.

The old testament, under the Law, you were told to give 10% unto the lord or be cursed for robbing God.

Malachi 3:8-9 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? **In tithes and offerings.**

**Ye are cursed with a curse:** for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

But praise the Lord, thanks be to Jesus and the Grace of God, we are free of all curses because Jesus **PAID** for ALL our sins, curses, sicknesses and any afflictions.

Galatians 3:13\* Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, **being made a curse for us:** for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Does this mean we no longer have to tithe, **NO NOT AT ALL**, but we are free from the curse and wrath of God if we don't tithe. When you are born again, you enter into a love relationship with the Father and Triune God. In other words **YOU WANT** to do the things his word has taught us, He has placed his commandments **WITHIN** our hearts instead of stone.

Hebrews 10:16\* This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

I'm getting a bit off the question but I need you to understand that his promises of blessing and multiplication for your needs still are as real today as they were under the old covenant.

Acts 20:35\* **I have shewed you all things,** how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

Luke 6:38\* **Give,** and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure

that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Now those that give or tithe for the gain that God promises, have no further reward than just that.

2Corinthians 9:7\* Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

If you give unto the Lord lovingly, you will not only lay up treasures in heaven, but you will reap here in this life.

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

God's blessings for giving are not only for the believers but also the unbelievers. (a good example is Oprah Winfrey)

Many Christians do believe in tithing but unfortunately it is to their denomination only, regardless if it's a dead horse or not. There are countless professing Christian outreaches that when they hear of a need they will say we will pray for you and trust God will meet your need. And this is the very thing made me seek the Lord as to where to give my tithes and offerings too.

James 2:16\* And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

The Lord showed me back in the 70's that we should give regularly to where God feeds and blesses us but not necessarily all our tithes. Our offerings and the rest of our tithes are for evangelists or other outreaches, wherever God (and not you, ) speaks in a small still voice.

The Lord showed me some people and outreaches that were of him and had needs. So this is when I started to send out support checks Every Month as these needs were not just a one time need, but rather a daily one. I have a few brothers and sisters in the Lord that partner with me every month, we do not advertise nor solicit funds for those we support. When I started, the Lord told me not to solicit but rather trust him and word of mouth for the monthly income to meet the monthly needs that HE has directed.

I'm not saying because you solicit, that it's wrong. What makes it wrong is the **MOTIVE'**

1Samual 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

We are to be good stewards and not give to ever sob story or tear jerking gimmick we see or hear. Most of these types of outreaches receive millions, and spend accordingly on themselves. There are some of the Lords servants that take **NOTHING** from their ministry. Ask the Lord and trust him as to where you should give. Don't forget the little guy just because he is little. Every little cog is just as important as the huge cogs.

This reminds me of a story we shared on our Sunday Special, sent on the email.

A fellow was walking on the beach and he saw thousands of starfish washed up on the shore. There was a little boy that would pick up a starfish and run and throw him back in the ocean and he kept repeating his effort. The man watched for a while, then said to the boy as he came running back for another one. What your doing is fine, but it won't make much difference there are just to many. The little boy looked at him and said, **IT HAS SURE MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THE ONES I HELPED.**

This why I give.  
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