

1. Motivation for Giving

- a) John 3:16 What motivation for giving is revealed in these words of Jesus?
- b) Share examples in the Scriptures of giving that is motivated by love rather a sense of obligation. 2 Kings 4:8-10, John 6:5-11, Acts 9:36-40, etc.
- c) What attitude in giving is pleasing to the LORD? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- d) Share a time when you gave an offering or a gift to someone in need and did so cheerfully.

2. Determining how much to give in offerings

- a) Look again at 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What clues do we find about how much to give in offerings?
- b) What additional guidance regarding offerings is found in Deuteronomy 16:17?
- c) What factors will influence one's ability to give offerings in addition to returning a faithful tithe?
- d) How would you respond to the question the Psalmist asks in Psalm 116:12?
- e) What can we learn from the example of Barnabas and other 1st century Christians? Acts 4:34-37
- f) Share a time when you were impressed to give a sacrificial offering for a special cause.

3. Offerings and Worship

- a) What inspired instruction was given to the children of Israel through Moses for the special times they came to worship in Jerusalem? Deuteronomy 16:16
- b) What is the relationship between worship and giving?
- c) What additional inspired counsel is provided by King David regarding giving and worship? Psalm 96:1-9 (1 Chronicles 16:7,28-29)
- d) What other offerings can we bring at times of worship in addition to monetary gifts? Psalm 116:16-18
- e) In some countries, worshippers give online or using a mobile app? Is this also a worship experience?

4. God's appreciation for our offerings

- a) What important lessons can we learn from the story recorded in Mark 12:41-44?
- b) What affirmation did Jesus give to Mary for her generous gift of costly perfume? Mark 14:3-9 (the woman is identified in John 12:2-8)
- c) What surprising message did Cornelius receive from a heavenly messenger? Acts 10:1-4
- d) What warning and promise did Jesus share regarding giving? Matthew 6:1-4
- e) How has the LORD rewarded you for giving with a thankful and cheerful heart?

