

## ESSENTIALS TO UNDERSTANDING GIVING

Reference: **miscellaneous Scriptures**

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There are a number of words and concepts that are repeated throughout Scripture. The term "*believe*" in one of its miscellaneous forms is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times; "*prayer*" is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times; "*love*" is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times and "*giving*" in some form is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times.

Five Basic Principles about Giving:

**Number One** is that the amount of our giving is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **II Corinthians 9:7** (see screen)

Three Motivational Levels for Christian Giving:

- You \_\_\_\_\_ give.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ give.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ to give.

The word "cheerful" in the Greek language is "*hilaros*" from which we get our English word \_\_\_\_\_.

The word "tithe" means \_\_\_\_\_.

Ancient Israel was actually a theocracy. A theocracy is a system of government where God Himself rules and governs the nation through different vice-regents (such as kings, judges, etc.) To support this ancient theocratic government God required from the Jewish people three basic tithes:

- the \_\_\_\_\_  
References: **Leviticus 27:30-34** and **Numbers 18:21-24**
- the \_\_\_\_\_  
References: **Deuteronomy 12:10-18, 14:22-26**
- the \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **Deuteronomy 14:28-29**

There were at least four particular offerings that a Jewish person was required to give over and above his tithing. It is estimated these tithes and offerings were required gifts and amounted to about \_\_\_\_\_ of someone's annual income. For an Israelite not to give one of these three tithes or one of these four offerings constituted an actual civil crime against the theocratic government.

Reference: **Malachi 3:8-10** (see screen)

The New Testament does not teach that we are to give a particular percentage; instead, it teaches the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition:** The principle of proportionate giving states that the amount of a person's gift is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to how God has \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Reference: **I Corinthians 16:1-2** (see screen)

**Number Two** is that someone's obligation to give has \_\_\_\_\_ to how much he has to give.

Reference: **Luke 16:10** (see screen)

**Number Three** is that our giving should be in response to a \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **Acts 4:32-35** (see screen)

**Number Four** is that our giving should be done to \_\_\_\_\_ God and not to \_\_\_\_\_ men.

Reference: **Matthew 6:1-4** (see screen)

The phrase "to be seen" in the original language is related to the term from which we get our word "\_\_\_\_\_."

The phrase "charitable deed" in the original language was referring to any act of mercy but it primarily described giving \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to the poor.

The phrase "not letting our left hand know what our right hand is doing" is an expression that refers to doing something \_\_\_\_\_, without any consideration as to who might see what we're doing. We are to give in a manner that would **not want** \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **Matthew 5:16** (see screen)

**Number Five** is that \_\_\_\_\_ our giving should be \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **Mark 12:41-44** (see screen)

**Truism:** Personal sacrifice is not measured by the size of the gift itself, but it is measured by its \_\_\_\_\_ to what is possessed.

God is not wanting from His children equal \_\_\_\_\_ but equal \_\_\_\_\_.