

## STUDY ON GIVING IN WORSHIP

1. Ps 50:12-15 Everything is God's already. If we give God His due, He will deliver us in trouble.
2. (Psa 50:7-15 NKJV) "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God! I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, Which are continually before Me. I will not take a bull from your house, Nor goats out of your folds. For every beast of the forest **is Mine**, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field **are Mine**. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world **is Mine**, and all its fullness. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats? (Psa 50:14) Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High. (Psa 50:15) **Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**"
3. Ps 24:1 - Everything is God's.

### WHEN IS GIVING NOT WORSHIP?

- A. **Grudgingly:** Must be planned and not "have" to give but "want" (cheerfully) to give.
  1. (2 Cor 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.
- B. **To Be Seen**
  1. ((Mat 6:2-4 NKJ) "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."
- C. **Deceitfully**
  1. **Act 5:1-11 - resulted in death. (Read)**
  2. **Do not trust in worldly riches** (1 Tim 6:7-19)- We brought nothing into the world, we bring nothing out.
  3. Matt 6:19-24 - Don't store up treasures (possessions) on earth.

### GIVING WAS A FELLOWSHIP

1. (2 Cor 8:4 NKJ) imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.
2. (Rom 15:26-27 NKJV) For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.
3. **Giving is a gracious work** (2 Cor. 8:9-16 NKJ) So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. But as you abound in everything; in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us; see that you abound in this grace also.<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.<sup>10</sup> And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago;<sup>11</sup> but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have.<sup>12</sup> For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted

according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.<sup>13</sup> For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened;<sup>14</sup> but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack; that there may be equality.<sup>15</sup> As it is written, "He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack."<sup>16</sup> But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.<sup>17</sup> For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord.<sup>18</sup> And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches,<sup>19</sup> and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind,

### **Giving Liberally**

1. 2 Cor 8:1-5 - The Macedonians who were in poverty gave beyond their ability.
2. **(2 Cor 9:1-2 NKJ)** Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.
3. **(Rom 12:6 –8 NKJ)** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

### **Giving involves SACRIFICE.**

1. (2 Cor 8:9 NKJ) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.
2. Act 8:1-4
3. (Heb 13:16 NKJ) But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
4. Giving is a thermometer of our love! (2 Cor 8:8 NKJV) I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.
5. God blesses those bountifully those who give bountifully. 2 Cor 9:6
6. Vain or improper worship is giving by not putting God FIRST and/or by having either of the following attitudes:
  - I'll pay for other expenses first, then if I have anything left over, I'll put that in the collection plate.
  - I'll just toss a few coins in the collection plate.
  - It appears since under the Old Testament they were to give 10 percent (tithe) and under the New Testament they were to give 'as we have prospered' that for a guide the minimum would be 10 percent.