

## Giving

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### *1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

#### **Review:**

Sunday night Irv Sparrow challenged us to re-evaluate the importance of being obedient to God and experiencing the joy of giving. There are several examples throughout the Scriptures of the result of practicing or violating this principle.

#### **Outline Review:**

- I. Disobedience = Rebellion (I Samuel 15)
- II. Obedience (I Kings 17)
- III. The Uncertainty of riches (Proverbs 23:5)
- IV. The Sadness that the wrong pursuit of money can bring (I Tim 6:9)

#### **Application:**

1. If you look long enough you will find others help you “reason” explanations of why not to obey God. How are some ways our deceitful hearts explain away obedience to God in our finances?
2. How does giving relate to placing God’s work as a priority over our own desires?
3. What could be some legitimate motives in pursuing money?
4. How much money would it take to make you happy? Based on I Tim.6:6 what does it take to “gain” contentment?
5. How is taking the offering part of worship? How can we prepare to worship in this way? What should we be thinking as we put something in the offering plate?
6. At what age does the Bible say that a disciple of Christ should start giving? ☺ How can we declare our dependence and give to Christ during our teen years?