

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PRINCIPLES OF GRACE-GIVING? Pt. 3 (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

1. Grace - giving is designed to be an act of _____ toward God and faithful _____ of what He has graciously given to you. It was not designed for you to impress others. (16:1-2)
2. Grace-giving was the _____ manner of giving among New Testament churches. (16:1)
3. Grace - giving can be specifically initiated & compelled by an expressed genuine _____ to support others.
4. Grace-giving can involve a _____ from the _____ for the _____. (16:1; 3 Jn 1:5-8; Gal. 6:10) Who are the "saints"?
 - How were they to collect this "collection"?
5. Grace - giving is to be done with _____. (16:1)
6. Grace - giving is to be done as a _____ matter before the Lord - no one excluded per se. (16:2)
7. Grace - giving is to be done _____ and was given to the Lord via the _____ (16:2)

The Scofield Study Bible note on Philippians 1:1 reads: "A local church is an assembly of professed believers on the Lord Jesus Christ, living for the most part in one locality, who assemble themselves together in His name for the breaking of bread, worship, praise, prayer, testimony, the ministry of the word, discipline, and the furtherance of the Gospel, Heb 10:25 Acts 20:7 1Cor 14:26 5:4,5 Phil 4:14-18 1Th 1:8 Acts 13:1-4. Such a church exists where two or three are thus gathered Mt 18:20. Every such local church has Christ in the midst, is a temple of God, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit 1Cor 3:16,17. When perfected in organization a local church consists of "saints, with the bishops [elders] and deacons."

*** Does God want the LOCAL CHURCH to be important in your thinking and practice? God says ____.

- 1) The word "church" {ekklesia} means a _____.
- 2) The word "church" can refer to either the _____ Church (Eph.1:21-23, 3:1-1) or a _____ church (1 Cor. 1:2).
- 3) The Universal Church which Jesus Christ is presently building (Matthew 16:18) began on the Day of _____ (Acts 1:4-5, 2:4; 1 Cor. 12:13) and will be completed at the _____ event when those "in Christ" we meet the Lord in the _____. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- 4) The Universal Church finds visible and practical expression in _____ as believers in Christ assemble together in a specific locality. (Acts 8:1, 13:1, 20:17; Romans 16:1)
- 5) 12 of Paul's 13 epistles were written to _____ highlighting their importance in God's plan for today.
- 6) Believers are to faithfully _____ as the local church and _____ doing this as some do. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- 7) The local church is the _____ of the _____. (1 Timothy 3:15)
- 8) The structure of a local church involves the _____ as the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4), _____ (recognized shepherds), _____ (appointed servants) and a spiritually gifted _____ {sheep}. (Phil.1:1)
- 9) Every local church is personally evaluated by Jesus Christ as its Head {Rev. 2 &3} and has _____ people though there are some _____ who are doctrinally and personally _____ and many that are not. (Rev. 2 & 3)
- 10) Individual believers and doctrinally sound local churches are worthy of your involvement and support as they come together for the _____ of the Savior in corporate worship (Acts 2:41-42; Col. 3:16-17) to be _____ for ministry (Eph. 4:11-16), to _____ their spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12-14), & then to go forth to _____ the lost (Acts 13:1-5, 14:21-22) and to fulfill the Great Commission locally and beyond (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-21)

• **What about the “parachurch”?** From the GTBC doctrinal statement: Missions: We believe that it is the privileged responsibility of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 20). We believe that local churches have the central and primary role in missions. We believe in supporting prayerfully and financially the spreading of the Gospel and the establishment of local churches at both home and abroad, and that believers considered for missionary activities should reflect a godly walk and service for the Lord, be doctrinally sound, be directed by the Holy Spirit, be confirmed by their local church leadership, and be sent out by their local home church (Acts 13:1-5; 16:1-3; Philippians 4:14-18; Romans 15:24). We believe that parachurch organizations have a secondary role in fulfilling the Great Commission and should be of service to local churches and their mission (Acts 14:26-28; 1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 13:7, 17).

- 8. Grace - giving is to be done _____, and not in a haphazard manner. (16:2)
- 9. Grace - giving is to be done _____ as _____ each believer. (16:2)
- 10. Grace-giving is _____ like all citizens of Israel were mandated to do under the _____ but is to be done _____ as unto the Lord under _____.
- 11. Grace-giving is to be done _____ . (16:2)
- 12. Grace-giving should be _____ by _____ with _____ . (16:3-4)
- 13. Grace-giving is to reflect the _____ in its source, means, and manner. (16:3; 2 Cor. 8:1)
- 14. Grace-giving, like all Christian service, should always be done _____ . (16:14)

• So how does this apply to you?