

Give to the Lord's work as He shall prosper you

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What We Promise, part 7

Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; Malachi 3:6-12

I. At the command of God

- A. Tithing (Numbers 18:21-32; Deuteronomy 12:1-7; 14:22-29; 26:12; Nehemiah 13:12; Matthew 23:23; Luke 18:12; Leviticus 27:30-32 with Hebrews 7:5-9)
- B. The righteous man is generous (Proverbs 3:33; 10:2-3, 6, 24-25; 11:4, 18, 28, 31; 12:3; 13:22, 25; 15:6; 16:8; 21:26; 29:7; 31:9; Psalms 1:5-6; 11; 14:5; 18:20, 24; 34:15, 19; 37; 55:22; 58:10-11; 72:1-3; 82:3; 92:12; 106:3; 112:3-9; 125:3)
- C. The New Testament witness (Luke 7:4-5; Acts 2:42-45; 4:32-37; 6:1-7; 10:4; 11:27-30; 12:25; Galatians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15)

II. For the good of others

- A. Primarily the church (Galatians 6:10)
- B. Pastoral ministry and mercy ministry (1 Corinthians 9:1-12; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17-18)
- C. Tithes and Offerings (Mark 12:41-44)

III. Out of faith in God

- A. From manipulating people to trusting God (Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21)
- B. The storehouse of heaven opened (Malachi 3:6-12)

IV. Because of the grace of Christ

- A. Our need as a church
- B. Jesus Christ became poor to make us rich (2 Corinthians 8:8-9)