

Giving to the Lord's Work

I Corinthians 16:1-4

Introduction: The Bible has much to say about money:
It teaches us to earn it honestly (Prov. 10:2, 4)
To invest it wisely (Prov. 10:5, 30:25)
To pay our debts promptly (Prov. 3:27-28, 22:7)
To view it soberly (Prov. 8:10-12, 16:16)
& To give it cheerfully (2Co 9:7)

*** How should Christians GIVE to the work of the Lord?**

- I. **Give UNSELFISHLY**
(*"the collection for the saints" - v.1*)

- II. **Give REGULARLY**
(*"upon the first day of the week" - v.2a*)

- III. **Give PERSONALLY** (Individually)
(*"let every one of you..." - v.2b*)

- IV. **Give DECISIVELY**
(*"lay by him in store" - v.2c*)

- V. **Give PROPORTIONATELY**
(*"As God hath prospered him" - v.2d*)

- VI. **Give ANONYMOUSLY**
(*"that there be no gatherings when I come" - v.2c*)

- VII. **Give RESPONSIBLY**
(*"whomsoever ye shall approve...them will I send" - v.3-4*)

Bible Principles about Giving

The Principle of the Tithe (10%) (Gen.14:18-20; Lev.27:30; Mal.3:8-10; Mt.23:23)
The Principle of the First Fruits (Prov. 3:9-10)
The Principle of Sowing and Reaping (II Cor. 9:6; Gal. 6:7)
The Principle of Cheerfulness (II Cor. 9:7; II Chron. 24:10)
The Principle of Faith (II Cor. 9:8-15)
The Principle of Sacrifice (Lk. 21:1-4)