

10 Biblical Principles for Giving (2 Cor. 8)

1. Biblical Giving is a spiritual, not circumstantial endeavor (v.1-2)

* We are to be giving even when it's not convenient and to give to the Lord what already belongs to Him; even during the difficulties that we might be facing.

2. Biblical giving is according to your ability (v.3)

*We are to be generous with what we have been given and to respond with a giving heart to the Lord as He has been so gracious to us.

3. Biblical giving is sacrificial (v.3)

*We are to be giving not under compulsion but from our self-less heart to be good stewards of what God has given to us. We are to give beyond what is comfortable.

4. Biblical giving involves giving yourself to the Lord first. (v.5)

*This is an opportunity to participate in Kingdom work and to give as unto the Lord with a joyful heart to serve Him.

5. Biblical giving involves a life that excels in the gift of giving! (v.7)

*We are to grow in all areas of our walk with the Lord including excelling in grace giving. We are to live a life that counts so that the Gospel may spread.

6. Biblical giving demonstrates the genuineness of your love (v.8, 24)

*We are to be cheerful givers not based on a set amount or from guilt but as an opportunity to display our love for the Lord.

7. Biblical giving according to the example of Christ (v.9)

*Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. We are to follow His generous nature of grace giving so that it might be a blessing to others.

8. Biblical giving is giving with a sense of readiness and desire (v.4, 10-11)

*We are to have a vision for giving and to plan for it. We are to invest in Kingdom work as in doing so will not only bless others but us as well.

9. Biblical giving is proportional according to how the Lord has blessed you (v.12)

*We are to give as the Lord has blessed us and not someone else. We are to ask ourselves is the Lord pleased with what I give?

10. Biblical giving is partnering with what God is doing in the lives of others (v.13-15)

*Our giving supports, impacts, and advances the Kingdom. We give with the Cross of Christ in mind as He died so that we might have life and then share it with others.

1. Biblical giving encourages others to give (v.1-2)

*Your zeal for giving affects others as it can become contagious and inspiring.

2. Biblical giving should be prayerfully prepared and ready (v.3-5)

*Giving is to be a prayerful matter and planned. We are to pursue after the things of God and not materialistic gain.

3. Biblical giving is to be generous and not grudging obligation (v.5b)

*We are to share what we have giving to those in need when the opportunity presents itself.

4. Biblical giving will be rewarded proportionately (v. 6)

*God blesses those who generously give as it not only impacts others but also glorifies Him. If we sow sparingly we will reap sparingly but if we sow generously we will reap generously.

5. Biblical giving should be thoughtful and intentional between you and God (v. 7a)

*We are to consider that eternal Kingdom when we give and to not allow pressure or guilt drive us to give but the value of Christ and what He did for us. It should be premeditated and not with reluctance/regret.

6. Biblical giving is to be done cheerfully (v. 7b)

*God loves a cheerful giver. We are to give as a response to His great gift and to be stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

7. Biblical giving requires faith in God's ability to supply and replenish (v. 8-11)

*God is able and all sufficient to provide beyond what we could ever imagine. God has endless resources and will multiply the gift that was sown. All who waters will be watered himself (Prov. 11:20-24).

8. Biblical giving supplies the needs of the saints and results in praise and glory to God (v. 12-13)

*When we give it enables others to continue in Kingdom work. This is also an act of worship to the Lord as it displays our thankful heart for all He has done for us.

9. Biblical giving proves and demonstrates the authenticity of your faith (v.13-14)

*When we are obedient to the Lord it gives evidence of His great work in our life and the faith He is strengthens in us.

10. Biblical giving reflects our gratitude for His indescribable gift (v.15)

*We are to have a Christ-centered heart when we give as this reflects our understanding of Christ love. We are to have humble hearts that acknowledge that grace giving Lord.