**Givers**

Sunday PM HS Class

Giving is one of those subjects if feel that we don’t really talk about too much but is rather just expected to know. We have opportunity to give back to God every Sunday, but you really don’t hear to many sermons on it except one at the end of the year for a special giving that is planned. Giving is a taught in the Bible as a spiritual gift, Rom. 12:8. We are taught to give as we go to worship, etc. but do we give as we ought?

**Did You Know**:

* Only 5% of church goers give on a regular basis
* If every Christian tithed 10 percent, faith organizations would have an extra $139 billion each year (Health Research Funding)
* The average amount of giving per person in a church is $17 per week ([Health Research Funding](https://healthresearchfunding.org/21-tithing-statistics/)).
	+ Reasons People Don’t Give:
		- Churches Don’t Ask
		- Churches must show why givers should give
		- Members believe the church already has enough money
		- Sometimes giving isn’t easy. (People don’t carry cash, know how to write a check; if its not a automatic payment or a swipe of the card they wont give).
1. **It is better to give than to receive** (Acts 20:35)
2. How Much to Give:
* 1 Cor. 16:1-2 – Give as you have prospered
* 2 Cor. 9:7 – Give cheerfully
* OT – Gen. 14:21 – Abram gave a tithe (1/10) of all he had.
* Dt. 14:23 – tithe 1/10th of all – in order to fear the Lord your God always.
1. Benevolence & Wise Decisions:
* Should we help those who are hungry, thirsty, need a place to stay? (Yes – Matt. 25:35)
* Does that mean we should help every single person that ever asks us? (NO)
* 2 Thess. 3:10 – If a man will not work neither shall he eat.
* Thought Give a man a fish = eat for a day; teach a man to fish = eat for lifetime.
1. (Suggestion) Try not to give $$. Don’t know what people will use it for

ii. Ask Questions.

iii. Try to meet the immediate need.

**Psalm 29 - Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty**

**A Psalm of David.**

1. **What to Give**

**29**Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
**2**Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

1. **Why to Give**

**3**The voice of the Lord *is* over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The Lord *is* over many waters.
**4**The voice of the Lord *is* powerful; The voice of the Lord *is* full of majesty.

**5**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
**6**He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
**7**The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

**8**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
**9**The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

1. **What the Lord Gives**

**10**The Lord sat *enthroned* at the Flood, And the Lord sits as King forever.
**11**The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.

**Discussion Questions:**

Am I a Giver?

Rating Chart: 3- Very Much 2 – Some 1- Little 0-None

* I manage money well in order to give liberally and joyfully to the Lord’s work.
* I consistently give liberally of my resources (time, money, etc).
* I find joy in giving money to special ministry appeals.
* I am not afraid to give consistently, because I know that God will meet my needs.
	+ Total your numbers and then average them out to see if you are a giver.

Do you give? If so, when and to whom? (If you don’t give, why don’t you give?)

What can you give?

How do you feel after you have given or met a need?