

S.A.F.E. Homes

Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Giving Your All

There is giving and then there is giving until it hurts. When we think of 'giving', our first thought is money, but we also give our time, efforts and talents on a daily basis. We will support or give to the things in life that we value or believe in.

In Leviticus 27:30, the Bible says, ***"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord."***

This is a commandment of the Lord. We are to give the 'tenth' or 'tithe' before doing anything else with our money. We honor the Lord by giving Him the firstfruits of anything that is an increase to us. Abram gives us the first example of tithing in Genesis 14:17-24. The Lord had provided a great victory over Abram's enemies and the Bible says, ***"And he gave him tithes of all."*** Abram gave the Lord a tenth of everything, including his wealth, animals and goods.

The Bible tells us the story of the poor widow and her offering in Mark 12:41-44. Jesus watched as people came by and gave their offering. Many rich people came by and gave great offerings, but the widow made the greatest impression upon the Lord. While everyone else gave from their spending money, this poor lady gave the money that she could have used for her next meal. She did not have extra money to give from, but she gave all that she had.

The advantage of God's giving plan is that we simply cannot 'outgive' the Lord. Jesus said, in Luke 6:38, ***"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*** We all have something we can give to the Lord. We can give God our musical talent and sing beautiful songs to lift Him up or spend time cleaning the House of God to prepare for service. We can dedicate time each week to reach the lost and we can give offerings to bless home and foreign missionaries who are laboring in the field. Our offering alone, may seem small, but when we all give together we can achieve great things. Everyone has something to give.

Family Prayer: *Lord, thank You for the opportunity to give back to You. I want to give an offering in every area of my life and give you the firstfruits of every increase and all You have blessed me with. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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Practice 'Pay it Forward' in your home this week. The parent/guardian will start it off by doing another person's chores that day. Challenge them to 'Pay it forward' and see how many nice things can be done for one another in the home.

Let's talk

Read Malachi 3:8-10 together. Why would God call this robbery? Notice that it says we can "prove" God. What does this mean? Discuss the rewards of obedience as listed here.

There are many ways we can volunteer or bless the church. Take time as a family this week and give. You can give a love offering, donate toys to the nursery or Sunday School department, clean the church, mow the lawn, clean the grounds, etc. Whatever your family decides to do, do it with a cheerful heart.



Additional Challenges

Let's take a look at examples of giving in the Bible.

The Lord gives us the greatest example!

John 3:16 - For God so _____ the world, that he _____ his only _____ Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not _____, but have _____ life.

Let's look at other great givers in the Bible

2 Samuel 24:18-25

What was David commanded to do?

What did Araunah offer David?

And the king said unto Araunah, _____; but I will surely _____ it of thee at a _____; neither will I offer burnt _____ unto the _____ my God of that which doth _____ me _____. So David _____ the threshingfloor and the _____ for fifty _____ of silver.

What happened because of David's sacrifice?

Genesis 22:1-19

What did God command Abraham to do? Was he obedient?

And _____ spake unto _____ his father, and said, My _____: and he said, _____ am I, my _____. And he said, Behold the _____ and the _____: but where is the _____ for a burnt _____?

And _____ said, My _____, God will _____ himself a _____ for a _____ offering: so they went _____ of them _____.

Just as Abraham had stretched forth his hand, God intervened how? What was provided?

What did God promise Abraham since he was willing to give everything?

When we are faithful to God, He will always be faithful to us. Do not be afraid to give when the Lord speaks to your heart about giving any type of offering. He'll always be right on time!

Puzzle Page

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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