WHAT OUR GIVING SAYS ABOUT US  
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I. FIRST, OUR GIVING EXPRESSES OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.  
A. “Thanks” and “Giving” naturally go together.  
B. When we give back to God it’s an expression of our appreciation to God for all the ways He has blessed us—Eph. 1:3.  
C. That’s why we should never give under pressure.  
D. God wants our giving to be motivated by gratitude not guilt—2 Cor. 9:7 & 11  

II. SECOND, OUR GIVING REVEALS OUR PRIORITIES.  
A. The purpose of giving or tithing is to teach us to always put God first in our lives—2 Cor. 8:8.  
B. When we give the first part of our income to God, on the first day of the week, its evidence that God holds first place in our hearts—Matt. 6:21.  

III. THIRD, OUR GIVING DEMONSTRATES OUR FAITH.  
A. Giving is a test of our faith—Malachi 3:10.  
B. How can we accept God’s challenge and put our faith to the test? 1 Corinthians 16:2 gives us three steps to faithful giving.  

1. First, we should give monthly or bimonthly.  
2. Second, we should plan our giving.  
3. Third, we should give proportionally.  
4. Fourth (my suggestion), we should give gradually.