

**WHAT OUR GIVING SAYS ABOUT US**  
**I COR 16:2 / 8-25-19 / A.M.**

**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.