

Sermon Title: **“A Call To Faithful, Obedient, Biblical Giving”**

Sermon Text: **Selected Scriptures**

Introduction:

- *There are several key questions that pertain to the matter of our giving to the Lord:*

I. Who Is Supposed To Give? *(I Corinthians 16:1-2)*

- Regardless of how you look at it, the word “**you**” is an **all-inclusive** term.

“When it comes to the matter of giving to the Lord from our financial resources, no believer is either excluded, exempted, or excused!”

- The basis of our giving isn’t determined by **what we have** – it’s determined by **who we are!**
- *II Corinthians 8:12-14; Mark 12:41-44; II Corinthians 8:2*

II. What Are We Supposed To Give? *(II Corinthians 8:12)*

- This verse contains what is often referred to as the **principle of proportion.**
- *Malachi 3:8-10*
- *We really don’t **give** the tithe, we **return** the tithe!*

3 Reasons Why People Don’t Tithe

1) Some people don’t tithe because they’ve **never been taught to tithe**

2) Some people don’t tithe because they have a **misunderstanding about what tithing is** *(Genesis 14:18-20; 28:29-22)*

✓ Tithing isn’t a matter of **requirement** – it’s a matter of **acknowledgment!** It isn’t an **ignorant leap** of faith – it is a **obedient step** of faith!

✓ *Matthew 23:23*

3) Some people don’t tithe because they simply **refuse to do so!**

- Christians should tithe for the very same reason they keep all the other **commands** of God!
- **Luke 12:48**

III. **When** Are We Supposed To Give? (I Corinthians 16:2)

“Giving to God should never be a spasmodic, knee-jerk, whenever we feel like it kind of thing! Our giving to God is to be a systematic, week by week, act of obedience!”

IV. **Where** Are We Supposed To Give? (I Corinthians 16:1-2)

- Just as giving is primarily intended for **ministries** that take place in and through the church, so it is that our giving is to be done **primarily** to and through the church!

“We are to bring our tithes and offerings to the place where our membership is established, where our spiritual life is nourished, and where our church privileges are enjoyed!”

- We come together on God’s **day**, with God’s **people**, to study God’s **Word**, and we ought to bring with us, God’s **tithe!**”

V. **Why** Are We Supposed To Give?

- **Answer:** Because God **demands** it, **deserves** it, and **delights** in it - and therefore, as His stewards it is our **duty** to do it!

When you get right down to it **stewardship is the proof of His **Lordship!****

- **II Corinthians 8:8**
- How can we withhold **anything** from a God who has given us **everything**?

Conclusion:

This morning, as your Pastor, I’m asking you to be a faithful and obedient steward and worship, honor and obey God in your giving! I’m asking you to give

to God through this church! I am asking you to glorify God in your giving! ***Now will you do that?***