

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Jeff Schreve

Now concerning the collection for the saints ...

1 Corinthians 16:1

What does God want to teach us about giving?

1. Giving is to be an act of worship.

Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:17-19

2. Giving is to be systematic.

*On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.
1 Corinthians 16:2*

3. Giving is to be a personal sacrifice.

... let each one of you put aside and save ... 1 Corinthians 16:2

However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 2 Samuel 24:24

4. Giving is to be proportionate to one's prosperity.

... as he may prosper ... 1 Corinthians 16:2

*And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house; and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."
Genesis 28:22*

5. Giving is to be handled properly and righteously.

And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me. 1 Corinthians 16:3-4

6. Giving is to be a blessing to your life.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts. "And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:10-12

How are you doing in this important area called giving?