

Christian Principles Of Finance 4013

I. Seven Vital Facts About Giving

- A. 2 Cor. 8:5—The first step is a right relationship with God. You must “give yourself” to God. You cannot buy a good relationship with Him.
- B. 2 Cor. 9:7—God loves a “hilarious” giver. Giving draws down His love upon us.
- C. 2 Cor. 8:8—If we love God, we give freely to Him and to His people.
 - 1. 2 Cor. 8:24—Giving is a public proof of our love
 - 2. 1 John 3:18—To “love in deed and in truth” includes giving
- D. 2 Cor. 8:11–15—When God’s people share, all have enough.
- E. 2 Cor. 9:9—Giving completes and establishes the righteousness that we have through faith in Christ (compare Ps. 112:9).
- F. Ps. 37:21–25—Giving is an insurance against evil times.
 - 1. Ecc. 11:1–2—Giving is little extra provides extra insurance.
 - 2. Phil. 4:18–19—God will supply all our needs, if we first, in faith, give to Him.
- G. 2 Cor. 9:8—The level provided by God’s grace is *abundance*. Note five *alls* and two *abounds*.
 - 1. Ps 78:22—“Salvation” is the all-inclusive word to describe all the provisions of God listed in verses 12–25 of this Psalm.
 - 2. Heb. 11:6—If you seek God diligently with your finance, He will reward you.

II. Review And Recapitulation

- A. *Conclusion*: In the realm of money the law of “sowing” and “reaping” applies as much as in any other realm.
- B. Mal. 3:8–12—God asks us to put Him to the test financially. In return, He will bless us in every area. But first we must move in faith (compare Rom. 14:23).
 - 1. The “tithe” is the first tenth of your income received. This is not a “gift.” We “owe” it to God.
 - 2. “Offerings” are what you give over and above what you owe.
- C. Rom. 14:12—One day every one of us will have to account to God for what we have done with our finances. Not only will God bless us individually if we tithe, but if Christians in general in any nation tithe, then God will bless that nation as a whole.
- D. Gen. 14:18–20—Tithing did not originate with the law of Moses. Abraham gave “tithes of all” to Melchizedek at least 400 years before the law.
- E. Rom. 4:11–18—Abraham is set forth as “the father of all them that believe.”
 - 1. All believers are required to walk “in the steps of Abraham’s faith.” This includes giving “tithes of all.”
 - 2. Hebrews places great emphasis upon the fact that Christ is a high priest “after the order of Melchizedek.”
- F. Heb. 7:8—Christ “receiveth” tithes (present tense, indicating a ministry that still continues). Because we are not under the law, but under grace (Rom. 6:14), Christ “receives” tithes from us, but He does not “demand” them.
- G. 2 Cor. 8:7—Since we are “under grace,” we should abound also in the “grace” of giving.