

Road Map to a Rich Life

☐ Giving is an Act of Worship (Proverbs 3:9-10)

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.¹

☐ Principles of Giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

¹ Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. ³ Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

Giving should be:

- **Periodic** (2a)
- **Personal** (2b)
- **Planned** (2c)
- **Proportionate** (2d)

Principle of the tithe (Genesis 14:17-20; 28:10-22)

Requirements of the tithe

Leviticus 27:30-33 10%

Deuteronomy 12:5-6, 11, 18 9%

Deuteronomy 26:12-15; 14:28-29 3.3%

The Old Testament tithe was actually 22.3%

- **Properly protected** (3-4)

¹ All Scripture taken from *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. 1996, c1984 (electronic ed.). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

❑ **The Attitude of the Giver** (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

We should give with an attitude of:

- **Bountiful generosity** (6)
- **Purposeful determination** (7a)
- **Cheerful willingness** (7b)
- **Trusting dependence** (8-11a)
- **Thankful praise** (11b)

2 Corinthians 8:7

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also *excel in this grace of giving*.