

The Grace of Giving

I Corinthians 10:31 – Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17, 23, 24 – And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. ... ²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Church Attendance

Hebrews 10:24, 25 – And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- “**stir up**” – irritate.
- “**forsake**” – abandon, desert; leave in straits, leave helpless; totally abandoned, utterly forsaken.

Hebrews 13:17 [AMP] – Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either].

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II Corinthians 8:7 – But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

- **Grace** – God’s ability in us to do what we couldn’t do on our own.
- **Illustration:** Dennis Burke – breaking the tithe barrier.

The Principles of Tithing:

- Tithe = 10%.
- The tithe belongs in the storehouse.
- Tithers tithe whether they're home or away.
- Tithing is both OT & NT.
- We tithe because we love & honor God.
- The tithe should be received, not taken.
- Unlike offerings, the tithe isn't designated to certain areas.

I Samuel 15:22, 23 – *Then Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”*

- Sacrifice = tithing out of obligation.
- Obeying = tithing because we love God and trust Him.

Colossians 1:12 – *giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

The truth – all we need/desire is already ours in Christ, regardless of whether we're attending, tithing, etc.

- **So, why should we?** If we obey God from a place of trust we experience His benefits.
 - **Romans 5:1, 2** – *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*
- **The freedom God offers** – the right to make our own decisions whether to obey or not.
 - **Galatians 5:1** – *Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.* [**Liberty** here has to do with the right of self-determination; the right to choose for ourselves]
- **Note:** Most fall either in the ditch of religious obligation or the opposite of no responsibility at all.