

2 Cor 9 - giving to -

1. grace, 1, 6

2. Fellowship, 9

3. Proof of love, 8, 1 Jn 3

4. Instruction of X, 9

GIVING

Intro. Many of deepest spiritual relationships are reflected in ordinary things of life. Giving of money 1 such. Not carnal, gift Rom 12:8; fellowship 2 Cor 8:4. Proper use of money in giving reflects: (1) extent to which we are full exam of X (2 Cor 8:9); (2) it is a measure of spirituality (Mk 12-widow); (3) proof of love of God (1 Jn 3:17); (4) requirement for expecting answers to prayer (1 Jn 3:). Then imp't to give God's way. No more succinct instructions than 1 Cor 16:2.

I. Giving God's Way is a Personal, individual matter.

A. What this means. Required of all. *Mk 12:43 - Scribes Trust*

Between you and God. No one else bus.

B. What does not mean.

Preachers exempt bec giving lives. Cor weren't 2C 8:5.

Tuition paid on self giving to Lord. Someone else's is giving; you ~~own~~ is to acquire. Suppose layman should say one yr he was going to build own library and not give to your church.

But you and God does not mean no one should ever know about it. Relevant passages are:

Mt 6:1-4. This is special form of giving.

Rom. 12:8. Simplicity liberality or better no ulterior motive, but not anonymity.

Groups that emphasize sharing and showing love are often death on anything but anonymous giving.

Numb 7. Leaders' gifts recorded with monotony.

Perhaps a principle since not contradicted or superceded by anything in NT. Barnabas' gift was public. Anan and Sapp in church age.

Phil gift to P known. Phoebe's helping known.

II. Proportionate

A. Does not mean tithing bec couldn't be personally tailored. Acts 11:29. Three tithes Lev 27;³⁰ Deut 12;^{6, 11, 18} Deut 14. Thus does not mean if I have more income I give more \$ at same 10% level. More income means

greater proportion, *not just income or take home pay.*

B. Means variation acc to blessing. Means diff at diff periods of life. I think annually.

Planned
III & IV

III. Private deposit. Chrysostom box by bed
means
By himself means at home make an accumulation.
Does not mean-

- ① Never bring to church. Sometime you have to part with it.
- ② Collections wrong. *Didache said they did take.*
- ③ Pledges wrong, 2 Cor 8:10-11. Won't pledge to limit so always have some for emergency.

IV. Planned with regularity

Regular setting aside on Sunday. Testimony of student. Better than watching pro football game. Granted doesn't mean bring to ch on Sun but if handling money affairs on Sun why doesn't it include distribution too. *Collecting before ch.*

Concl.

This is so much trouble. Why not just tithing?

1. Not commanded for church and something else is.
2. Part of law and not under it.
3. Would use tithing ^{from} as pre-law example if there were no principles under grace. But since there are, don't use. You don't use Sabbath tho pre-law too.
4. If you before God decide on 10% proportion then fine; suggest you ask Him to make it 11% to get out of the rut.

All of this a bit mechanical so close with reminder of Lord's word Acts 20:35. Particularly impt for ministers who live in a world that *among people who think will* thinks it is owed a living and who often feel people in ch owe it to them to give laviously. Often hear the complaint that never hear sermon and always giving out. Here's guaranteed way to rec a blessing. Be a giver and do it Gods way.