

What should I know about giving?  
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Jesus mentions tithing twice in the New Testament; in Matthew 23:23 and in Luke 18:9-14. POINT: Jesus isn't seeking what we have; He's \_\_\_\_\_.

Grace Giving Lessons

1. The grace of giving is a matter of the heart not the pocketbook.  
"Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." (2)
2. The grace of giving has a priority.  
"They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will." (5b)
3. The grace of giving is essential to spiritual growth.  
"See that you also excel in this grace of giving." (7)
4. The grace of giving follows heavens stewardship program.  
"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." (9)

Putting Grace Giving to Practice

**Small Group & Personal Study**

**This Weeks Memory Verse: Malachi 3:10**

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

**Small Group Study Questions:**

Meditate on this week's the memory verse, Malachi 3:10.

Read Proverbs 3:5-10

1. Why do you think so many of us are reluctant to give our whole offerings to God?
2. How is failure to bring forth our offerings a condition of the heart? What does it say about our trust in God? What does it say about our worship?
3. How does being wise in our own eyes and leaning on our own understanding affect our willingness to tithe?
4. Does the world agree with God's word about tithing? What does the world teach us about our money? How does that differ from what the Bible teaches?
5. What does God promise to me if I will give to Him my first fruits?
6. How have you personally experienced blessings as a result of your faithful tithe?

**Personal Daily Reading Plan:**

- Day 1 – Malachi 3:6-12
- Day 2 – Matthew 26:6-13
- Day 3 – Mark 12:41-44
- Day 4 – 2 Corinthians 8
- Day 5 – 2 Corinthians 9