

THE

PATTERN

OF

GIVING

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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ Giving is not casual, it should be planned and seen as part of service
- ❑ Purposeful giving
- ❑ God planned the universe and handed it to man
- ❑ Noah, Abraham, Jacob, David etc
- ⦿ Planned their giving
- ⦿ 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4

1. COMMAND

- ◉ Abel, Noah, Abraham obeyed
- ◉ All Christians should obey V1
- ◉ The instructions that follow in this Corinthian correspondence are not optional suggestions. They constitute a pattern for the implementation of sacred duties. The matter of supporting the cause of God in its various needs is unquestionably a sacred obligation.

2. FREQUENTLY

- ◉ The frequency of contributing is “every Sunday”; the Greek literally says: “the first day of every week” (cf. Matthew 27:15; Luke 2:41).
- ◉ One should budget his finances, therefore, so as to be able to give each Lord’s day.
- ◉ If one is ill, or away, or else make it up when he returns.”

The pattern of giving must be set at certain times!

3. INDIVIDUALLY

- ◉ For each family income there must be a gift.
- ◉ If the husband/father is the sole wage earner, he obviously will be the only source for a gift.
- ◉ When Christian teens have a job, they must give from their income.
- ◉ If they receive an allowance, a portion of that belongs to the Lord.
- ◉ If older folks are on social security, they are not exempt from this act of worship. “Each one” means “everyone” who has income—rich or poor, young or old, male or female...

Call to a pattern of giving to God is individual...

4. TREASURY

- ◉ Is the Christian obligated to contribute into the “treasury” of the local church?
- ◉ What does the phrase “lay by him in store” mean?
- ◉ The verbal action depicts consistently depositing something in a “treasury” (thesaurus).
- ◉ **Each Christian has an obligation to help sustain the local church treasury, regardless of the extra missionary**

5. PROPORTIONALLY

- ◉ The expression, “as he may prosper”
- ◉ The term itself basically means “prosperous journey,” and thus suggests this idea: to whatever degree he “is prospered” by God,
- ◉ Contribute a portion to the Lord’s work “according to his ability” (Acts 11:29; cf.
- ◉ The exceptional “beyond their power” (2Cor 8:3).

The correct pattern of giving is according to one’s income

6. SACRIFICIALLY AND BY FAITH

- ⦿ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise Ps 51:17
- ⦿ To obey God is better than sacrifice and to hearken unto Him than the fat of rams (1 Sam 15:22).
- ⦿ Heb 11:4 “By faith Abel offered unto God...

The pattern of a great giver is a reflection of sacrifice through faith

7. YIELDED TO HIM

- Having yielded ourselves to Him, He now expects us to give based on what we have and not on what we do not have. 2 Cor 8:12 “For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” Also look at Mark 12:41-44.
- Proper pattern begins with self....

CONCLUSION

- ⦿ Set a pattern
- ⦿ Become of this Church
- ⦿ Jesus died on the cross...



END

◉ God bless you

