



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD LIVING FAITH CHAPEL, CALGARY

Bible Study,

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Topic: Forms, When, Where and How to give unto God

Text: Luke 6:27-38; Mt 25:35-46

Introduction

This month we have been looking at 'Giving unto God'. We have learnt that GIVING UNTO GOD is a command that we must obey and it is also a principle and even a fruit of the Spirit. We also ascertained that Giving unto God is an act that pleases our Father. When we give, we are not simply adding to the church purse but we are offering ultimately to The Almighty God. Today, by His grace, we shall be looking at Forms of Giving, when, where and how to give unto God. I pray that Holy Spirit will inspire us mightily and bless every one of us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Forms of Giving unto God

Below are some of the methods we can use to give unto Almighty God

- Appreciation, Thanks, Praises, Dancing, Ps 96:8, 1 Chronicle 16:29, Ps 100:1-4
- Monetary, cheques, cash, Haggai 2:8, Mark 12:17
- Use of our gifting/talents/abilities/strength -Paul used his intellect (2 Timothy 4:6-7), Lydia hospitality to Paul and his companions- Acts 16:14-15,40
- Others-give mercy, compassion, kind words/ kindness, interceding, Matt 25:41-46, 1Cor 9:13

When to give unto God

When should we give to God? (Mt 25:37-40)

- We are to give at all times. When convenience and when not convenience. In the rain, in the winter and every moment of our life. 2Kings 4: 8-37 (Elisha and the Shunammite woman)
- A Woman in Shunem gave Elisha a room
- She asked Elisha to stop and eat at her house. So **every time** Elisha went through that place, he stopped there to eat.

Where to Give unto God

- Where can we give unto God?
 - The storehouse of God, Malachi 3:10
 - ❖ **Are we required to pay our tithes in the same Church? Or should we give our tithes to the needy? Deu 14:22-28, Deu 26:12**
 - We are to sow on the fertile ground Matthew 13:7-8

How to Give

We learnt in our previous lesson various ways to give such as love offering, for mission, thanksgiving, building project, special project, seed, pledge and vow. The above channels are very important and even revealed our love to the Almighty God. However:-

- We must first give ourselves to the Lord, (God is not interested in your giving until He has you) 2 Cor 8:1-5
- We must give our best to God, Gen 4:3-7, Colo 3:23
- We must give sacrificially, 2 Sam 24:18-25, Gen 22:2-10 (Abraham), 1Kings 17: 7-16 (Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath), Mark 12:41-44 (Widow's mite), Heb 13:16,

Also, it very important to know that for our giving unto God to be acceptable, we must give:-

- With love, joy, truthfulness and sincere heart – John 3:16, Deu 15:10
- According to one's ability – Deu 16:17, Prov 3:27
- Cheerfully without grudge 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Matth 5:23-24
- Willingly and perfect heart – 1 Chronicles 29:9, Prov 21:26, 1Tim 6:17-18, Exo 25:1-2
- With faith, expectation and right reasons, Matthew 6:1

Conclusion

Our ultimate goal in giving is to please The Almighty God. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.