



**THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD**  
**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary**

Bible Study

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Theme: Giving unto the Lord

Topic: Various methods/ ways and forms of giving unto God

**Introduction**

Last month, we looked at the theme - 'be at peace' . Peace is a fruit of the Spirit, it is one of the results of the presence of Holy Spirit in the life of a child of God. This month we are looking at 'giving unto God'

Before we talk about the methods and forms of giving to God , let's remind ourselves again -what is giving unto God, does God care about it, is giving also a command , principle or even a fruit of the Spirit?

Giving unto God is an act that pleases our Father. When we give , we are not simply adding to the church purse, we are offering ultimately to an all seeing Father- Matthew 6:3-4

The Lord expects and requires us to give- It looks like a command, an essential service to God . It is not optional.

Giving unto God is one of the principles of the kingdom, Giving is not trading. Giving can be described as a voluntary present something to someone else and expecting nothing in return.

To give unto God is to hand over or permit Him to have a part of our possession knowing that all we ever had or have He gave to us.

When we give, remember it does not mean we have excess.....

**Methods/ways of giving unto God**

1) offerings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- thanksgiving, act of worship, to appreciate our maker

-Missions, special projects : this is still distributing our resources in order to directly or indirectly spread the good news. 1 Corinthians 9:14

- First fruit, first fruit of first harvest., fruit of my increase,Proverbs 3:9, this can be translated to our present situations, first wages/ salaries, increase in income is also first fruit. A command. Deuteronomy 26:10

God commanded ancient Israel to offer the firstfruit of their harvest to him in gratitude of the blessings they received (Exodus 23:19, 34:26, Ezekiel 44:30)

- compassionate donations to the needy,the poor, homeless,less privileged.Luke 6:30-38

2) tithes- this is giving 10 % of our income! Malachi 3:10, lev 27:30, what does income cover? Gifts, wages, salaries

Question- will this include allowances for housekeeping or allowances to the children?

3) seed- sowing, planting ,distributing resources with the hope to reap an harvest. Acts 20:35, Genesis 8:22, follows both natural and spiritual law.

Is there a difference between giving and sowing or seed and pledges?

Sowing, seed, pledges are types/ methods of giving. Sowing and seed at times are related to a specific need or

situation in which we need divine intervention

Pledges is a commitment to give a specific amount also maybe at specific intervals or time(s). This could be said to be modern mode of giving as research shows that it helps the church to budget, know and plan ministry activity that can be undertaken.

### **Forms of Giving**

This relates to the mode of giving....

1) monetary, cheques, cash

2) use of our giftings/talents/abilities/strength- Paul used his intellect , lydia hospitality to Paul and his companions- Acts 16:40

3) Others- give mercy, compassion, kind words/ kindness Matthew 25:41-46, 1cor 9:13

### **Conclusion**

God gave His only son. Giving unto God is part of obedience to God.