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**Giving Responsibly In The Church**

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

**Key Truth:** Giving is a heaven-sent privilege that demonstrates the love we have for God and people.

1. Giving should be included in our worship experience.

 A. It exemplifies our faith in the resurrected Christ.

 B. Giving is an indication of the treasures in our heart.

 Luke 12:34

 C. Giving reflects our praise and worship.

2. Giving is an individual’s responsibility.

 A. Diligent givers first examine themselves.

 2 Corinthians 9:7

 B. Giving is a deliberate act.

 C. God has given us the best example of giving. John 3:16

3. We should give according to the grace given us.

 A. In a real sense everything belongs to God. Psalm 24:1-2

 B. It is God who makes our increase a reality.

 C. Disciples of Christ excel in the grace of giving.

4. Giving is not limited to parishioners.

 A. The church as a whole should also give.

 B. Giving helps to fulfill the needs inside the church.

 C. Giving helps to fulfill the needs beyond the walls of

 the church.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Seek to increase your worship participation in the area of giving. Make it a point to be a blessing as God blesses you.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Why is money so sought after?

Why do you think most people experience some measure of stress over money?

Why do many adults lack discipline in the area of money management?

Read Luke 12:13-21: Our generosity usually flows from the perspective of our possessions. How might a person balance saving, retirement, and the attitude of the man in the parable?

It’s not odd to think if we made more money we would be more generous. But studies show this usually isn’t the case. How might the following verses help you develop a healthy perspective about your finances and the spiritual discipline of generosity?

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Proverbs 13:11

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Matthew 6:19-21

How would you rate your giving?

Consistently Sporadically

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