

HOW TO GIVE

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

The church in _____ was in need because of famine and persecution and Paul was taking up a collection

I. GIVE _____

“Collection” = an extra piece of giving or a _____ offering, implying the church also took regular offerings

A. Christians Will Support the _____ That Supports Them

- 1) 1 Cor.9:14 teaches that members of churches have a duty to pay those who minister the _____
- 2) Local churches undertake other financial obligations: e.g. their _____ and their missionaries

B. Christians Will Give to the Needy, Especially _____

- 1) The NT repeatedly teaches that this is our responsibility as individuals—we are to _____ others
- 2) But the church as a _____ also cared for their poor: illustrated in a) believers in the early church selling their property to meet needs of the poor b) ministry to widows c) Paul’s collection; see 2 Cor

II. GIVE _____

A. Believers Will Plan to Give on a Regular _____

Our giving should not be motivated by gimmicks or high pressure tactics but rather love for _____

B. Believers Will Intentionally Make Their Giving _____

- 1) Our giving must always be a response to the _____ : preach to yourself at the offering box
- 2) Our giving is a way of expressing _____ for how bountifully God supplies our needs each day

III. GIVE _____

A. _____

Couples who plan and give in a systematic way to God see God’s blessing: we cannot _____ God

B. _____

- 1) _____ must teach children that God created all, owns everything and lets us use things a while
- 2) Teaching a child to give a tithe challenges his faith: does he really believe _____ is there & owns it all

C. _____

- 1) There were poor among the Corinthians but Paul made no _____ to their giving in verse 2
- 2) The way many people use credit cards, if debt is an excuse not to give, then they will never _____
- 3) Christ did not rebuke the _____ who gave two mites or the officials who received her offering.

IV. GIVE _____

A. OT saints gave at least 10% (a tithe) to support the work of the tabernacle & the temple; while there is no NT commandment to tithe, many believe we ought to give at least a _____ to support God’s work

B. According to Prov.3:9-10 we should take the percentage off the _____ before taxes & other deductions

C. We should ensure that we are supporting the church that supports us, then above that give to the _____