

Hilarious Giving 2020

What should be in my heart as I give in 2020? (Psalms 139:23,24; Proverbs 4:23; I Corinthians 13:3; Proverbs 3:9; Matthew 6:2; Luke 6:38)

Zacchaeus vs Rich Young Ruler

Luke 19:1-10; Mathew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

II Corinthians 9:5-11 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as grudging obligation. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which cause thanksgiving through us to God. (vs. 12-15, as well)

Psalm 51:16,17 Humility

What are three key areas to give to God from the heart?

Attitude: voluntary, willing, cheerful, loving, obedient

Yourself: give to Jesus all that you are....He has given all that He is to you

Time: give to Jesus all of your time Redeem the time Psalm 90:12; Ephesians 5:15-17

Resources: give to Jesus all that you have and use for His glory what He gives back to you. God doesn't need our resources – Father God desires honor from the heart, which is also best for us!

Tithes – the systematic giving of a portion (typically a 1/10 or greater) of one's income and/or property to God in recognition of the fact that He owns everything

and entrusts us with provision from His unlimited resources (Psalm 50:7-15; Philippians 4:19)

First Fruits – a giving to God first of what He provides for us in recognition that we give to the Giver first to honor Him before we benefit from what the Giver gives us. Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:2

Offerings – a sacrificial giving to the Lord that costs us something of value Acts 21:26

Satan's Plan of Giving: Matthew 4:9 Jesus' Plan of Giving: Luke 18:22

WARNINGS – Robbing God: Malachi 3:8-18

Relying on Possessions: Luke 12:15

Love of Money vs Contentment: I Timothy 6:5-12;

Philippians 4:11,12

Tithing before the Law was Instituted: Abraham Genesis 14:17-20; Jacob Genesis 28:22

Tithing in the Law: Leviticus 27:20; 30-33; Numbers 18:21-32; Deuteronomy 12:5-7,11,12,17,18; 14:22-29; 26:12-15

Offerings: Genesis 8:20; Exodus 10:25; 20:24; 24:5; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8; I Samuel 15:22; Proverbs 21:3; Matthew 9:13; Mark 12:33

First Fruits: Deuteronomy 18:4; Proverbs 3:9,10

Jesus speaks about the tithe: Mathew 23:23; Luke 11:42

Jesus speaks about giving to government: Mark 12:17

Supporting the Spread of the Gospel: I Corinthians 9:14; I Corinthians 16:1-3

Examples: The Godhead John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Poor Widow Mark 12:41-44; Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10; Many others.....

Reward: Proverbs 11:25; II Corinthians 9:6-8