

What God Says About **Giving**

When you hear that someone is talking about the subject of money, and they're going to be using the Bible as their basis, the immediate conclusion is that you're going to get another blast on the subject of giving!

Well, it's not the only financial subject in the book, but it is certainly one that God focuses His attention on as He surrounds the subject of shekels.

One national presidential candidate, whose professional background is Christian ministry, disclosed his financial affairs as required by law and portrayed his view regarding giving. Though his income for the year was over \$125,000, his total contributions did not exceed \$500! Apparently, in his view, God doesn't take this too seriously, or at least He is satisfied with four-tenths of a percent from the well-to-do.

Is there a franchise fee that God charges His children? Can we just assign a fixed margin to His expectations, or is that an affront to our responsibility to Him?

▪ **The Principle of Giving**

1. **God wants your heart, or He doesn't want your money.**

Matthew 23:23-24

2. **God wants you to remember who really owns what.**

Malachi 3:8-10

3. **God wants first place on your payment schedule.**

Exodus 23:19; 34:26; Proverbs 3:9-10

4. **God wants you to see your giving as worship.**

Deuteronomy 16:16

5. **God wants you to give in proportion to your income.**

Deuteronomy 16:17; I Corinthians 16:2

6. **God wants you to calculate your income honestly.**

Exodus 22:29

7. **God won't be satisfied until He sees sacrifice.**

Mark 12:41-44

▪ **Notes**