

# GIVING

## Deuteronomy 5:11

God instructed the Israelites to help the poor **among them** when they arrived in the Promised Land. This was an important part of possessing the land. Important to note: give to your brothers and sisters – those among you. We are to be good stewards with what the Lord supplies to each of us. Today, those going around asking for help have unfortunately become a way some use to support their bad habits or just to take advantage of others as being a “soft touch” because that’s what church people should do. We need to be wise in our giving.

## Proverbs 3:9, 10

First fruits refer to giving to God the best portion of the harvest (what comes in).  
Deuteronomy 26:9-11.

We should not be giving Him our “left-overs.” We should express our gratitude to Him for His provisions.

## Proverbs 11:24, 25

God blesses those who give generously and freely of their time, energy and resources. He gives back so that we can continue to give more and not to just heap up to ourselves. Whatever we have is not really ours to begin with. We are only stewards of what we have.

## Proverbs 19:17

The word “poor” here means feeble, weak, and helpless. Again, we need to be wise stewards and be sure they are genuinely poor. Giving to those who are genuinely needy is like giving to the Lord (Matthew 25:31-46) and He promises to repay. However, our motive should not be to give in order to receive back.

## Proverbs 21:13

A person who heartlessly disregards the needs of the poor (feeble, weak, and helpless) will be disregarded when he is in need.

## Proverbs 28:27

The generous giver will lack nothing. The one who ignores receives many curses (Proverbs 11:24; 26)

## Matthew 6:1-4

When giving, don’t do it or have the motive of desiring others to see what you are doing. This would be doing something for appearance only and not out of compassion.

## Luke 6:38

The reward of giving. The one who is liberal will find others who will be liberal in dealing with them.

## Romans 12:8

One of the gifts listed.

### 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

An example of Christians helping through their giving to fellow believers in another church.

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

People may sometimes hesitate to give generously to God if they are concerned about having enough to meet their own needs. Paul assures the Christians that God can meet their needs. One who gives only a little will receive back only a little.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Manner of giving:

1. Without show: Matthew 6:1-4  
Mentioned previously
2. Liberally: 1 Chronicles 29:3-9  
David gave from his personal fortune to the temple. He encouraged others to follow his example. It is not the amount we give but it is our heart, our willingness. God gives to us liberally and we should have that same heart.
3. Cheerfully: 2 Corinthians 9:7  
Cheerful means "hilarious"  
It means nothing if we give of necessity or grudgingly.  
God blesses a cheerful and giving person. The term "cheerful" often applied in Jewish texts to gifts for the poor.
4. Proportionately: Malachi 3:10  
The one time God says to test him (in regards to giving of our tithes).  
Storehouse: the place you are "fed". The storehouse was a place in the temple for storing grain and other food given as tithes. The priests lived off these gifts.