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LESSON 70: GIVING

I. Introduction

II. Why Should Christians Give?

- A. Because of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 8:9; 2 Corinthians 9:7;)
- B. God generously gives to us (Matthew 13:45-46; Hebrews 11:26)
- C. To fight sin: idolatry of money and self (Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 6:21, 24;)
- D. To trust God and hold loosely to this world (Matthew 6:19-20; 25-34)
- E. To share in Gospel work (John 4:36-38; 13:35)

III. What Should Christians Give?

- A. Everything (Romans 12:1; Colossians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

Money is just one piece in a large puzzle of how we can use every gift, every opportunity, every relationship, every dollar to proclaim the glory of God with every minute he gives us on this earth.

- B. Tithes & offerings
 1. Old Testament giving (Leviticus 27:30-33; Deuteronomy 12:17-18; 14:28-29)
 2. New Testament giving (Matthew 17:25-26; 1 Corinthians 9:21; 16:2)
 3. Sacrificial giving (Matthew 16:24; Mark 12:41-44; 2 Corinthians 8:2-3)
 4. Generous giving (2 Corinthians 9:6)

Give so that the money you're spending on your own needs brings God equal or greater glory than it would if you were to give it away.

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IV. Where Should Christians Give?

- A. Obligations (Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:8)
- B. Opportunities (2 Corinthians 8:7-8; Galatians 6:10)

V. How Should Christians Give?

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2

Giving should be...

- A. Periodic
- B. Personal
- C. Planned
- D. Progressive
- E. Plentiful
- F. Private (Matthew 6:3-4)

VI. Conclusion (2 Corinthians 8:7)