

Introduction

1. Lesson texts: [2 Sam. 24](#); [1 Chr. 21](#)
2. God is the Great Giver of all that is good ([Jm. 1:17](#))
3. He owns the world and its fulness ([Ps. 50:10-12](#), [24:1](#))
4. God does not need anything but rather gives ([Acts 17:24-28](#))
 - a. He is the Creator; we are the created ([Jn. 1:1-3](#); [Col. 1:16-17](#); [Rev. 4:11](#))
 - b. Anything we give is His own ([1 Chr. 29:6-17](#))

Why We Should Give

1. It is required by God
 - a. Cain and Abel ([Gen. 4:1-5](#); [Heb. 11:4](#))
 - b. Noah ([Gen. 8:20-22](#))
 - c. Jacob ([Gen. 28:20-22](#))
 - d. Law of Moses ([Lev. 1-3](#); [Dt. 12:5-6](#), [26:1-11](#); [Pr. 3:9-10](#))
 - e. New Testament ([Lk. 6:38](#); [Heb. 13:16](#); [2 Cor. 8-9](#); [1 Cor. 16:1-2](#); [Rm. 12:1](#); [1 Pt. 2:5](#))
2. Supports the work and workers of God
 - a. Levites ([Num. 18:23-32](#))
 - b. Preacher ([1 Cor. 9:7-14](#))
 - c. Elders ([1 Tim. 5:17-18](#))
 - d. Benevolence ([Gal. 6:10](#); [Acts 2:44-45](#), [4:34-35](#); [Rm. 15:26-27](#))
 - e. Evangelism ([Phil. 4:14-18](#))
 - f. Edification ([Eph. 4:11-16](#))
3. Guards against selfishness ([Job 31:16-22](#); [Pr. 11:25-26](#), [21:26](#); [Rm. 12:8](#); [Ex. 25:1-8](#) with [Ex. 35:21-29](#), [36:5-7](#); [1 Chr. 29:6-9](#))
4. Teaches dependence on God ([Dt. 8:18](#); [Mt. 6:11](#), [31-33](#))
5. Teaches trust in God ([1 Tim. 6:17](#); [Pr. 23:4-5](#))
6. Glorifies God ([1 Chr. 16:28-29](#))
7. Shows our love for God and others ([2 Cor. 8:24](#); [2 Chr. 24:4-14](#))

Understanding That Giving is to Be Sacrificial

1. David understood to give something that did not cost is no giving at all ([2 Sam. 24:24](#); [1 Chr. 21:24](#))

- a. He paid 600 shekels of gold for the place (plot, parcel, of ground) equivalent to ~15.2 lbs or \$276,000 ([1 Chr. 21:25](#))
 - i. This plot of land was where the temple was erected ([2 Chr. 3:1](#))
 - b. He paid 50 shekels of silver for the threshingfloor and the oxen equivalent to ~1.3 lbs or \$287.50 ([2 Sam. 24:24](#))
 - c. God accepted His offering ([2 Sam. 24:25](#); [1 Chr. 21:26-28](#))
 - i. Why not Cain's offering? ([Gen. 4:5-7](#); [Heb. 11:4](#))
2. This principle of sacrificial giving is illustrated with the poor widow ([Mk. 12:41-44](#); [Lk. 21:1-4](#))
 - a. Who got the better deal in spending their livelihood? ([Lk. 8:43](#) with [Mk. 12:44](#); [Lk. 21:4](#))
 3. On the other side is giving to God what does not cost us ([Mal. 1:6-14](#), [3:8-12](#))
 - a. How shameful and sinful this is!

Conclusion

1. Jesus said giving was more blessed than receiving ([Acts 20:35](#))
 - a. If we truly believe that we will have no issues with our giving
 - b. We will give God what is right and will be blessed because of it
2. "And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver." ([2 Sam. 24:24](#))
 - a. Let us be those that give God what is right in accordance with His Word