**What Does God Expect You to  
Put into the Offering Plate?**  
II Corinthians 8:1-15

**I. God Owns Everything**

A. What right does God have to own everything? - Exodus 19:5; Psalm 24:1; I Chronicles 29:14 & Psalm 50:10

B. What is God's promise to you? - Matthew 6:33; 14:13-21 & Luke 10:1-17

**II. He Has Chosen You to Be His Steward**

A. What is a steward?

B. Who has God entrusted to be His stewards? - Genesis 2:15;  
 I Peter 4:10; I Corinthians 4:2 & I Timothy 6:20.

C. God gave you D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authority - Matthew 25:14-30.

**III. Do We Have Any Directions to Help Us Out?**

A. In the Old Testament the direction was the T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. What was it used for?

2. Should you use this as an example for your giving today?

a. Not if it is used L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 18:11-12.

b. What can this lead to?

B. In the New Testament this direction was a C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heart - II Corinthians 9:7 & Exodus 36:6-7.

C. The Question.

1. Do you tithe what's left over after taxes?

a. Why might this be permissible? - Malachi 3:8-10

b. Why must you be careful if you choose this one?  
 - Matthew 23:23-24

2. Do you tithe the gross of your total income?

a. Why is it simpler?

b. What's the temptation?

c. Is the "Name It & Claim It" theology true?

3. Do you simply give sacrificially until you receive the joy?

a. What's the promise? - John 10:10

b. What is abundance?

D. The Answer.

1. God wants you to give C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - II Corinthians 9:7.

2. God wants you to give W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 11:29  
 & II Corinthians 8:12.

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