

# 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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