

(A Perspective on Offerings and Giving)

Purpose of This Message

This teaching is not designed to pressure or manipulate anyone into giving. Instead, it aims to present **sound, biblical understanding** of the **spiritual benefits** that come from giving to God—regardless of the form (money, resources, time, or talent).

Giving is not a responsibility limited to church members. It applies to **everyone**—pastors, evangelists, bishops, apostles, elders, choir members, and all believers. Every follower of Christ is called to participate in the grace of giving, because it is both an **act of worship** and an **expression of God's character** in us.

As it is written:

Isaiah 48:17

“This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.’”

God teaches us to give not just for the benefit of others, but for our **spiritual growth, blessing**, and the **increase of thanksgiving to His name**.

Giving Produces More Than Provision — It Brings Glory to God

In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul reveals a profound truth about giving:

2 Corinthians 9:11-12

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”

This scripture outlines **two levels of impact** when we give:

1. **Practical Impact** – Our gifts meet real needs (food, shelter, ministry support).
2. **Spiritual Impact** – Our gifts inspire others to **give thanks to God**, which glorifies Him.

Our giving becomes an act of **doxology**—a word that means giving praise and glory to God. It reflects God’s own generosity (cf. John 3:16) and leads others into worship.

The **ultimate purpose of all Christian acts**, including giving, is to **bring glory to God** (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Thanksgiving: The Fruit God Desires Most

You might think that thanksgiving is a small thing. But biblically, **thanksgiving is central to spiritual life**. It acknowledges God’s goodness, deepens faith, and aligns our hearts with heaven.

Psalm 50:23

“Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”

God honors those who honor Him through thanksgiving. And when your giving causes **others** to thank God, you are participating in that sacred offering.

Consider this:

- When an **orphan** receives help and gives thanks to God—it's credited to your spiritual account.
- When a **pastor or missionary** prays with gratitude because of your support—you are sharing in their ministry's fruit (Philippians 4:17).
- When a **poor family** receives relief and glorifies God—you are not just helping physically; you are increasing praise on earth.

This is a **Christlike pattern**. Jesus Himself, before feeding the 5,000, gave thanks (John 6:11). Giving and gratitude go hand in hand in the kingdom of God.

Why This Matters Spiritually

Giving does more than bless others—it forms **Christ's character** in us. It fights selfishness, builds faith, and connects us to God's purposes. As Paul reminds us:

Acts 20:35

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Why? Because giving **participates in God's divine nature** (2 Peter 1:4). God is a giver, and when we give in His name, we reflect Him and glorify Him.

Your giving matters. Not just because it helps others—but because it leads to **thanksgiving and worship**, which brings God joy. And that is one of the **greatest benefits** of all.

So don't see your giving as a small act. See it as an **eternal investment**, one that brings:

- Provision to people
- Praise to God
- Spiritual reward to you

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May the Lord bless you richly as you grow in the grace of giving.

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