

THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH!

XX. OF THE GRACE OF GIVING

Scriptural giving is one of the fundamentals of the Faith! II Corinthians 8:1-6; v. 7
"Therefore as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." In the context Paul is writing about the GRACE OF GIVING!

I. SCRIPTURAL GIVING BEGINS WITH THE TITHE!!

A. WHAT IS THE TITHE?

1. Defined==(Webster's Dictionary) "A tithe is the tenth part of anything."
Leviticus 27:30; "And all the tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD."
32; "And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD."

B. WHAT WAS TITHED?

1. Genesis 14:17-20; Hebrews 7:1-4; (spoils)
2. Genesis 28:22; Jacob (all he was given)
3. Leviticus 21:30-32; (seed, fruit, herd, flock,) What ever the income consisted of was tithed unto the Lord!
4. Today our income is in the form of money.
10% of a dime is a penny.
10% of a dollar is a dime.
10% of \$10.00 is a dollar.
10% of \$50.00 is \$5.00.
10 % of \$100.00 is \$10.00.
10% of \$500.00 is \$50.00
10% of \$1000.00 is \$100.00.

C. WHEN WAS TITHING PRACTICED?

1. Before the Law=Genesis 14:17-20; 28:20-22;
2. Under the Law=Numbers 18:21, 24-28; (take) Leviticus 27:30-32; Malachi 3:8-10;
3. Jesus placed approval on the tithe=Matthew 23:23; "Woe, unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."
(Luke 11:42;)
4. Other New Testament Scriptures also teach tithing=Hebrews 7:4-10; Jesus is after the order of Melchizedek=Hebrews 6:20; If Abraham tithed to Melchizedek 400-500 years before the law, certainly we should tithe to the Lord Jesus who is our Great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek!

5. Tithing is an act of expressing our love for the Lord and is the first part of the Grace of Giving!

THE TITHE IS THE MINIMUM A CHRISTIAN SHOULD GIVE!!

a) Illustration==Pocketbook

b) Illustration==Allens

c) Illustration==Billy Young

d) Illustrations=Christians in Grocery Store-Alabama

D. EXCUSES FOR NOT TITHING!

1. Can't afford to==can afford entertainment, TV payments, Junk Food=soda, chips, candy etc. Extra clothes, money! to go etc.

2. I can't afford NOT to tithe!!

a) It is scriptural==Genesis 14:17-20; Numbers 18:21,24-28; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:4-10; 6:20;

b) Consider the blessed results (God opens the windows; more blessing then room to hold them; Malachi 3:10; God will rebuke the devourer; Malachi 3:11a; "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes," Ever give away clothes etc. =garage sale tither?)

3. Parental Example= I learned to tithe by watching my parents practice tithing! I saw God keep His word in their lives!

E. THE REAL REASONS PEOPLE DO NOT TITHE:

1. Ignorance of God's word!

2. A Greedy Heart==Proverbs 15:27a; "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house;" I Timothy 6:10; "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

3. Self-Centeredness==Luke 12:17-19; (The rich fool! 6=I's, 5=my's in three verses.)

4. Lack of Faith==The sin of UNBELIEF!! "Oh ye of little faith"

5. Some say, "Because tithing was under the law."

IF A MAN GIVES LESS THEN A TITHE, SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG IN HIS HEART!! WILL A MAN ROB GOD? ARE YOU??
MALACHI 3:8;

II. SCRIPTURAL GIVING CONTINUES WITH GIVING ABOVE THE TITHE!

PRINCIPAL=="YOU GAIN BY GIVING"!!

Matthew 10:39; 16:25; John 12:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 17:33; 9:24; 18:28-30; Jesus is the speaker in these verses! He simply says, "if you try to save your life, you will lose it! But if you lose (give, let go) of your life for my sake (give your life to me and let me be Lord in your life) your will find your life (enjoy real living with purpose and a fantastic future both now and in eternity)!!

In other words "YOU GAIN BY GIVING"!!

THE PERSON WHO GIVES THEIR HEART (spirit = John 3:6;) TO CHRIST (Romans 10:9-10;) GAINS ETERNAL LIFE (I John 5:12; "He) THE PERSON WHO GIVES THEIR SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY UNRESERVIDLY TO CHRIST GAINS GOD'S BEST!! YOU CAN NOT OUT GIVE GOD!

Tithing is giving to God what belongs to Him!
GIVING IS OVER AND ABOVE THE TITHE!

A. WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE FOR GIVING?

1. Is it to Gain? Acts 20:35b "and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said,
'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE''
III--Dad & Mom===\$5.00 for Christmas!
2. God Looks at the Motive! I Samuel 17:7b;"for the Lord looketh not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart!".

GOD SEES THE MOTIVE!

- a) Negative==Praise of Men--Matthew 6:1-4;
- b) Positive==Love--John 3:16; "For GOD so LOVEDHE GAVE!".
 - LOVE for lost souls--Romans 10:13-15a;
 - LOVE for Christ our example--II Corinthians 8:1-4, 8-9; Luke 9:58;
"And Jesus said unto him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.'"

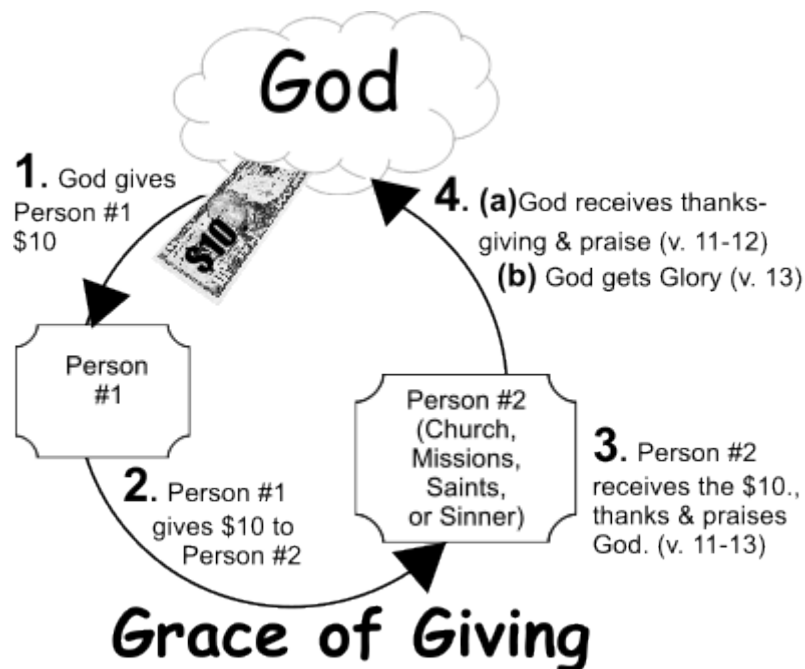
B. HOW ARE WE TO GIVE?

1. With a right motive--John 3:16 "FOR GOD SO LOVE.", HE GAVE!"
2. Cheerfully--II Corinthians 9:7; "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (Cheerful in the Greek means Hilarious [defined in Webster's==1. Noisily merry, boisterous,] God loves for us to be delighted about having a part in His plan for reaching the lost through giving! This is the only place in the New Testament where this Greek word is used.)
3. Liberally--Proverbs 11:24-25;
 - a) R. G. LeTourner gave 90%, Lived on 10%
 - b) Proverbs 13:7a; "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing:"
III=Hattie Green, Rich Fool=Luke 12:15-21;
 - c) Proverbs 13:7b; "There is that maketh himself poor, yet hath GREAT RICHES." Many things money can not buy=joy, peace, happiness, love, satisfaction, contentment, fulfillment.
 - d) The poor widow--Luke 21:1-4; "WE GAIN BY GIVING"
4. With The Future in Mind----Matthew 6:19-20;
 - a) Story of the Rich Woman in heaven. YES, WE GAIN BY GIVING!!

C. THE RESULTS OF GIVING:

1. Needs supplied==Philippians 4:15-19;
2. Bountiful Returns=Proverbs 11:25; The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Luke 6:38; "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."
3. True experiences given by an Evangelist!
 - a) Girl supporting aged parents wanting to go to Bible College giving money she had saved to missions!
 - b) Family giving money saved for a stove to missions!
 - c) Young couple giving \$100.00 saved for baby!
 - d) PCBBC Chorale visiting us in Hawaii (20 to feed=HOW) Carol \$30.00; Walker=gas and \$30.00; Ledbetter=\$40.00;
 - e) Matthew 14:15-20;
 - f) Evangelist's Testimony== \$500.00 to missionary who had to leave country because of war.
4. II Corinthians 9:6-15 Illustrated

a)



- b) # 1 will Reap Much.....(v. 6;) [Galatians 6:7-8] "bountifully"
- c) # 1 gave cheerfully and gladly---(v. 7;) "God loveth a cheerful giver"
- d) # 1 Gets the \$10.00 back --(v. 8a;) [Luke 6:38;] "grace abound"
- e) # 1 has All needs met and more--(v. 8b;) "all sufficiency" (more than enough-sufficient)
- f) # 1 can give more to others --(v. 8c;) "may abound to every good work"
- g) # 1 receives honor to him forever-(v, 9;) "righteousness remaineth for ever"
- h) # 1 has plenty to eat--(v.10a;) "minister bread for your food"

- i) # 1 has more seed (funds) to plant---(v. 10b;) "multiply your seed sown"
- j) # 1 can give away even more-(v. 10c;) "increase the fruits" (has more to give away)
- k) # 1 has more fruit to harvest--(v. 10c;) "fruit-increase" (reaps more fruit)
- l) # 1 can give away much--(v. 11a;) "enriched in everything"
- m) # 1 can meet others needs-(v. 11a;) "to all bountifulness" (much more than enough)
- n) # 1's actions blesses others and brings glory to God·-(v.12;)
- o) # 1's deeds are as good as doctrine---(v. 13) "subjection unto the gospel of Christ" Matthew 5:16; 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:10; II Timothy 3:17; Titus 2:14; 3:8;
- p) # 1 will be prayed for---(v. 14a;) "prayer for you"
- q) # 1 will be a vehicle of God's Grace---(v. 14b;) "exceeding grace of God in you"
- r) # 1 will have a new appreciation for Christ---(v.15;) **TITHING IS A DEBT WE OWE! GIVING IS SEED WE SOW!! YES, YOU GAIN BY GIVING!! LUKE 6:38; "Give, and it shall be given unto you;(HOW) Good Measure Pressed Down, and Shaken Together, and Running Over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete (measure) 'withal it shall be measured to you again!!"**

D.HAVE YOU GIVEN YOURSELF TO THE LORD?

1. **II Corinthians 8:1-5, 7-15.**; Money is a good barometer of our walk with God!
 - a) **Zacchaeus==Luke 19:8-10**; His use of money became a testimony of his new faith in Christ!
 - b) **The parable of the pounds==Luke 19:11-27**; teaches the disciples to use it **for God's glory** or lose it! **II Corinthians 9:7-8**;
 - c) **Jesus cleanses the temple =Luke 19:34-48**; He drove out those who had turned His Father's house into a money making market of selling animals and money changing!
 - d) **Beware of the Love of Money--I Timothy 6:10**; People do many Evil things for the "Love of Money". Madonna made a \$60,000,000.00 (million) contract with Time Warner for her book which sold for \$49.95 per copy. According to Dr. James Dobson "It's filled with perversions of the most explicit type." (Baptist Bible Tribune=Dec. 92)
 - e) **Paying taxes to Caesar==Luke 20:20-26**; became a test of Christ's authority!

WHY IS MONEY A GOOD BAROMETER OF OUR WALK WITH GOD?

BECAUSE WHERE OUR TREASURE IS, THAT IS WHERE OUR HEART

IS ALSO--MATTHEW 6:21!!

YES, YOU GAIN BY GIVING

THE IMPOSSIBLE IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD!

Matthew 19:22-26;

INTRODUCTION:

Matthew 28:16-20; The church through the weakness of humanity can fulfill the Great Commission by the Resources of Almighty God! What is impossible with men is POSSIBLE THRU THE SUPERNATURAL POWER AND SUPPLY OF THE OMNIPOTENT GOD! We need SPIRIT FILLED PEOPLE who are willing to go and PEOPLE OF GREAT FAITH who are willing to pray and give!

I Corinthians 1:26-29;

Not many wealthy people are saved Jesus said in Matthew 19:24! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle then for a rich man to be saved! SO WHO WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SEND THE MISSIONARY???

Romans 10:13-15a;

God gave the commission to the Church! Who makes up this church?

Individual born again believers! IF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH WERE JUST LIKE YOU, WHAT KIND OF A MISSIONARY CHURCH WOULD THIS CHURCH BE?? HOW MANY WOULD BE HEARING THE GOSPEL BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU GIVE? THE RESPONSIBILITY BELONGS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AS BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS AND MEMBERS OF A LOCAL CHURCH!! WE MUST ALL APPEAR AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT! BUT HOW CAN WE DO IT?

You say I am struggling now to pay my debts! I am a widow with little to live on! I am retired and having a hard time making ends meet! I am a house wife with no income! I am a teenager or a child with no job! What can I do??

LET'S BRIEFLY CONSIDER GOD'S WAY OF GIVING!!

- I. God's way of Giving begins with the tithe!
- II. God's way of Giving continues by giving out of what you have above the tithe! However, this is limited by your income!
- III. God's way of Giving expands by Faith Promise Giving!

Question==What is Faith Promise Giving??

Answer=It is giving what you do not have to the LORD!

One might say "Why that is Impossible!"

A. GOD'S POWER ILLUSTRATED! I Kings 17:1-18;

Elijah represents the word of God unto Israel.

1. God shows that THE PROVIDING FOR THE NEEDS OF HIS MESSENGER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE HUMAN INSTRUMENTALITY--v.4-6;
2. However, GOD CHOOSES TO USE HUMAN INSTRUMENTALITY THOUGH HE IS NOT CONSTRAINED TO--v.8-9; God could have used angels or even stones [Luke 19:40;] to preach the gospel to the world!
CONSIDER SOME SIMPLE TRUTHS HERE:
 - a) God does command us to do the impossible!! "I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee" v. 9 (NOT A RICH LAND OWNER)
 - b) She could only obey by faith!!
NOTE: She is commanded to feed him not just one meal but until the Drought is over--v. 14d "until the day that the Lord sendeth rain".
DO YOU SEE HOW HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE THIS IS?
 - c) God does not supply enough food for the entire drought at one time but only for one meal at a time--(v. 14,16;) even though she by faith adds a 33 1/3% increase to drain the tiny supply!! (v.13)
SO GOD DOES NOT USUALLY PROVIDE ALL OUR FAITH PROMISE AT ONE TIME BUT ONLY WEEK BY WEEK OR MONTH BY MONTH!!

B. GOD'S POWER ILLUSTRATED AGAIN! I Samuel 1:1-8;

1. THE BURDEN OF BARRENNESS.
 - a) Hannah is the favored wife of a wealthy man. v.4-5;
 - b) Problem==She is NON-PRODUCTIVE. She is only receiving=she is not giving!!
 - (1) Many Christians are like this.
 - (2) Dead Sea only receives.
 - (3) Majority of Christians today do not give an open witness. Approximately 95 % of American Christians have never led anyone to Christ!! Have You!!
 - (4) When many Christians die the only thing they leave behind is pollution.
 - (5) MISSIONS---are you giving? How many people will be in Heaven because of you!
 - c) Hannah was not satisfied to live and die like this--v. 10; ARE YOU?
2. A PRAYERFUL VOW--I Samuel 1:11; Have you prayed to be fruitful? James 5:16b "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"
 - a) Vow defined 1 (n) a solemn promise, esp. To God, dedicating ones self to an act, service, or way of life.
 - b) Spiritual stirrings in men's hearts often led to vows in the O.T.=
Jacob-Genesis 28:20; David-Psalm 61:1-5; Men on Jonah's boat-Jonah 1:16;

- c) Consider the condition of a man who would say "I am not going to make God any promise"
 - d) Vowing unseen money-people do this in buying a house or car!
However, this comes from limited resources.
PROMISING THE UNSEEN IS WHAT FAITH PROMISE IS ALL ABOUT!
Hebrews 11:6;
 - e) Note I Samuel 1:11; again. "IF THOU WILT" "THEN I WILL".
 - f) She vowed A SON SHE DID NOT HAVE on the CONDITION THAT GOD WOULD GIVE her a son.
 - g) Hannah's vow is CONDITIONAL! She can not give until God gives to her!!
3. THE JOY OF FRUITFULNESS! I Samuel 1:20 "Because I asked him of the Lord." Meaning of the name-Samuel,
- a) God gave her a son= WHY?
 - (1) Matthew 7:7; "Ask and it shall be given you"
 - (2) Matthew 7:11; "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how MUCH MORE shall your father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"
 - (3) She asked in faith=Hebrews 11:6; "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."
 - (4) She asked according to God's will=I Samuel 1:11; "IF THOU WILT" I John 5:14-15;
 - (5) Here is what God usually uses=A person who is yielded to God's will and purpose. Exception--Balaam's Donkey. Numbers 22:21-35.
 - (a) God's Purpose==A prophet for Israel
 - (b) God's Person==Hannah, available to God's will.
 - (c) Is helping to spread the gospel God's will for you?
 - (d) Are you available for Him to use you through
FAITH PROMISE GIVING?
 - (6) Illustration=Bethel Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma in 5 years through Faith Promise went from 7 to 35 missionaries giving twice as much to each missionary as before. ALSO had extra funds to meet unexpected missionary needs. ALSO the church finances moved from a bare existence to abundant provision for every need according to the pastor, Forest Keener.
GOD BLESSES FAITH PROMISE GIVING!
Why??
II Corinthians 9:8; "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."
4. FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP! I Samuel 1:20;
- a) Hannah's Responsibility
 - (1) When Hannah had no son she could give no son and God required no son

of her!

(2) BUT NOW SHE HAS THE SON SHE REQUESTED!!

- (a) Do you suppose the thought occurred "I wanted a son so badly and now I have a son and only one son. Would God really be so unreasonable as to expect me to give him up?"
- (b) Christians often do this. God sends in the money but they forget the promise or feel they need it for other needs.
- (c) Consider=="The wider you open your hand to give, the More God will lay in it!"

b) Hannah KEEPS HER VOW! I Samuel 1 :24-28;

- (1) She pays her vow willingly even giving more-v. 24;
- (2) It is more blessed to give than to receive and God always out gives us! I

Samuel 2.21:

- (a) Israel is furnished with a prophet and thus God's message.
- (b) Hannah has a son who is being used to God's glory.
- (c) Hannah who was barren now has 5 children at home to love and enjoy.

LUKE 6:38; "GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU; GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, AND SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER, SHALL MEN GIVE UNTO YOUR BOSOM. FOR WITH THE SAME MEASURE THAT YE METE WITHAL IT SHALL BE MEASURED TO YOU AGAIN."

c. GOD'S POWER ILLUSTRATED THROUGH FAITH PROMISE GIVING!!

a) WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE GIVING??

It is a Promise you make to God regarding a certain amount of money which you promise to give to missions providing God will give it to you through some unexpected source!

b) Remember Hannah=promised a son, God gave her more (2:21)

c) Illustration=Nuuciu Bible Baptist Mission owed \$30,000.00 on the mission property. The first Sunday I came we had only two people. The mission was not able to meet all the property payments and I did not have any funds to put into the work. The Lord led me to introduce Faith Promise Giving so we could start giving to missions. In 6 years the mission was supporting 14 missionaries at \$30.00 a month and had paid off the \$30,000.00 debt out of our regular offerings!

d) WHERE WILL IT COME FROM??

- (1) Illustration=October 96 birthday gift!
- (2) Illustration=Check received in 96 from people in Wyoming I had never met which covered the rest of the past month plus present month with

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING BY FAITH TO TRUST THE
ALMIGHTY GOD TO ENABLE YOU TO GIVE TO MISSIONS
EACH WEEK OR EACH MONTH IN THE COMING YEAR????

FAITH IS RESPONSIBILITY ==
OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S ABILITY!!!!

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The following excerpt is from HOW GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE  
by Oswald J. Smith from Good News Publishing:

I SHALL NEVER FORGET how God taught me to give. I had been pastor of a large church in the city of Toronto, but one day I resigned and on the first Sunday of January became pastor of a church which knew how to give in a way I had never known. I commenced this pastorate at a time when the church was holding its annual missionary convention.

Now I knew nothing about a missionary convention. I had never seen one in all my life. I didn't know the first thing to do. So I just sat there on the platform and watched. The ushers went up and down the aisles giving out envelopes. To my amazement, one had the audacity to walk right up and hand me -the pastor!- an envelope. I sat there holding it in my hand. I can still remember that moment as though it were yesterday.

As I held the envelope I read, "In dependence upon God I will endeavor to give toward the missionary work of the church \$\_\_\_\_\_, during the coming year." I had never read such a statement before. I did not know that God was going to deal with me that morning, and teach me a lesson that I was never to forget-a lesson that I was to teach to hundreds of others all over the country in the years to come.

I started to pray. I said, "Lord God, I can't do anything. You know I have nothing. I haven't a cent in the bank. I haven't anything in my pocket. This church only pays me \$25.00 a week. I have a wife and child to keep. We are trying to buy our home, and everything is sky high in price." All that was true. The first World War was on.

"I know that," the Lord seemed to answer me. "I know you are getting \$25.00 a week. I know you have nothing in your pocket and nothing in the bank."

"Well, then," I said, relieved, "that settles it. I have nothing to give and I cannot give anything."

It was then the Lord spoke to my heart. I shall never forget it.

"I am not asking you for what you have," He said.

"You are not asking me for what I have, Lord?" I replied. "Then what are You asking?"

"I am asking you for a faith offering. How much can you trust Me for?"

"Oh, Lord," I exclaimed, "that's different. How much can I trust Thee for?"

Now, of course, I knew nothing at all about a faith offering. I had never given such an offering. But I knew the Lord was speaking. I thought He might say \$5.00, or perhaps even \$10.00. Once, as minister of another church, I had given \$5.00 for missions. Once in my life I

had given \$3.00. Also, once I had given \$2.00. But never at any time had I given more than \$5.00. I almost trembled as I awaited the answer.

Presently it came. Now I am not going to ask you to believe that God spoke to me in an audible voice, but He might just as well have. I was scarcely conscious of the congregation as I sat there with my eyes closed, listening to the voice of God.

"How much can I give?" I asked.

"Fifty dollars."

"Fifty dollars!" I exclaimed. "Why, Lord, that's two weeks' salary! How can I ever get \$50.00?"

But again the Lord spoke and it was still the same amount. It was just as clear to me as though He had spoken out loud.

My hand trembled as I signed my name and address and wrote in the amount \$50.00.

How I ever paid that amount, I don't know to this day. All I know is that every month I had to pray for \$4.00. And every month God sent it to me in some miraculous way. At the end of the year I had paid \$50.00.

But this is what I want to make clear. There came to my heart such a fullness of the Spirit, that as I paid, the final amount I realized I had received the greatest blessing that had ever come into my life!

I had trusted God for a certain amount and He had met it. So great was the spiritual blessing that the next year at the convention I doubled the amount, and gave \$100.00. Then, at another convention I doubled the amount again and gave \$200.00. At still another convention I doubled it once more and gave \$400.00. Then later I doubled, it again, and made it \$800.00. From that day to this I have been increasing the amount and sending it to the Bank of Heaven year by year. If I had waited until I had it, I never would have given it because I never would have received it. But I gave it when I didn't have it. I gave a faith offering and God honored it.

(end of Oswald J. Smith excerpt HOW GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE)

**So the man ate the  
tenth apple and gave  
the core back to God.**



God has given you enough apples for all your needs, plus one with which you may show your gratitude to Him.

**You can make your own choice.**

**WILL YOU RETURN ONE APPLE TO GOD**

- or only the core?



**There  
was a  
man who  
had  
nothing...**

# God gave him TEN APPLES



... three apples for food

the man ate these apples

... three apples for shelter

he used these apples  
to obtain shelter

... three apples for clothing

he used these apples  
to obtain clothing

... one apple to give back to  
God to show gratitude for  
the other nine.

he knew that God had given  
the tenth apple so that he  
could return it to Him to show  
gratitude for the other nine.  
But this apple looked big and  
juicy...