

BIBLE WORDS ABOUT GIVING

A PORTION OF OUR SUBSTANCE TO THE WORK OF THE LORD.

1. God claims a portion of our substance.

And all the tithes 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. —LEV. 27 : 30.

2. Withholding this claim is to rob God.

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. —MAL. 3 : 8.

3. Therefore the claim should be attended to promptly.

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithes of all the *things* brought they in abundantly. —2 Chron. 31 : 5.

4. Worldly prosperity promised to those who honor God with their substance.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase : so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. —PROV. 3 : 9, 10.

5. It is accepted according to what a man hath.

For if there be first a willing mind *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not. —2 COR. 8 : 12.

6. It should be given willingly.

Every man according as he purposes in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity ; for God loveth a cheerful giver. —2 COR. 9 : 7.

7. —Does poverty or limited means excuse any one from giving to the Lord?

They shall not appear before the Lord empty : EVERY MAN SHALL GIVE as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. —DEUT. 16 : 17, 18.

8. Jacob's vow.

Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. —GEN. 28 : 22.

Will you act on these principles?

TO THE READER.

BY A LAYMAN.

Will you not write your name under
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OF OUR SUBSTANCE to the work of the Lord? No matter what your income, nor from what source it comes. No how old you are, or how young. You receive *something*. Set aside one-tenth of it: try it for a year, any way. *'Can't afford it!'* You can. You will make money by it; not only to spend for Christ, doing good, but you will have more money for your own use, if you *do* it.

You cannot afford *not* to do it.

Sounds strange! Possibly it does; but not stranger than that you can do more work in a year, working six days in the week than if you work seven. Thousands, tens of thousands, have tried it—are trying it and their testimony is uniform as to its benefits.

It pays! Pays in spiritual blessings; pays in temporal prosperity; pays in happiness; pays in *embraced* opportunities for usefulness and doing good; pays in a higher, deeper, broader, happier Christian experience; pays in every *good* sense.

'Don't know your exact income!' You know approximately. You know what you have *now*: tithe that. *Do it now!*

You know what you receive to-day—this week. Make the start. Take the first step. Light will come as you need it. You have your father's promises: take Him at His Word. They include temporal as well as spiritual blessings.

Test them by saying 'I WILL.'

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