

11. Q. From whom does God accept offerings?

A. Of every man that giveth it willingly, with his heart, ye shall take my offering.—Ex. xxv. 2.

12. Q. How often should we give?

A. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.—1 Cor. xvi. 2.

13. Q. What promise is given to those who consider the poor?

A. Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver *him* in time of trouble—Psalms xli. 1.

14. Q. What measure shall be given to those who give liberally?

A. 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.—Luke vi. 38.

15. Q. What does Isaiah say of liberal people?

A. The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand.—Isaiah xxxii. 8

16. Q. What command does God give about the poor?

A. Thou shalt open thy hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land.—Deut. xv. 11.

17. Q. How should we treat those who ask for favors?

A. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.—Matt. v. 42.

18. Q. What about the first fruits?

A. The first of the first fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God.—Ex. xxiii. 19.

19. Q. Give another promise about liberal souls.

A. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.—Prov. xi. 25.

20. Q. What is God's greatest gift to man?

A. God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John iii. 16.

21. Q. What should we say for this?

A. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.—2. Cor. ix. 13.

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