



## Because God is a Giver

### Announcements

- **401 Small Group Training** – Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm at the Little Creek Campus. This is your opportunity to learn how to help people grow in their relationship with God. Register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register)
- **101 Starting Point** – Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register)

### Warm-up

Have you ever heard the phrase, *It's more blessed to give than to receive*? Do you agree or disagree with this phrase? Why?

During this discussion we will be talking about where our motivation to give comes from and how we can participate in what God has in store for us.

### Word & Application

God wants to bless us in order to be able to give to others and be a blessing. In order to walk in obedience to God we need to understand how we become more like God when we give.

**Read John 3:16, James 1:17 and Acts 20:35.** It is important to understand our motivation to give comes from the heart of God. God is a giver and he wants his children to follow his example.

What can you do to follow God's example of being a giver?

What emotions do you experience when you think about giving? Why?

We are going to discuss four types of Biblical giving to understand how to have the heart of God and walk in obedience to him in the area of giving.

The **first type of Biblical giving is our Tithes**, which means "a tenth," or ten percent. **Read Leviticus 27:30 and Proverbs 3:9-10** to see the priority God places on the tithe.

What does our willingness to give the first part of our income show about our heart for God? What does that say about your relationship with God?

**Read Genesis 14:20 and Genesis 28:22** to understand that God claims the tithe as his own.

**Read Malachi 3:10.** God does not only require us to give our tithe, but he also rewards us for giving our tithe. How has God blessed you as a result of tithing out of obedience to His word?

**Read Philippians 4:16-17** to see the **second type of Biblical giving is Missions Giving.** People who were willing to give supported Paul on his missionary trip. As a result the Gospel was spread throughout the world.

What can your giving to missions accomplish?

The **third type of Biblical giving is giving to the poor.**

**Read Leviticus 19:9-10, Proverbs 19:17 and Proverbs 28:27** to see how giving to the poor is a central theme in the Bible.

How have you seen God use you to give to the poor? How has your giving to the poor impacted you?

The **fourth type of Biblical giving is for the building of the Tabernacle and Temple.**

**Read Exodus 36:3-7 and 1 Chronicles 29:2-3, 9.** What do these verses show us about the attitudes and actions we should have about giving towards building God's church?

We are to give over and above our tithes with a sacrificial attitude.

Do you find your attitudes and actions line up with God's design for how we should give? In what areas of giving do you need to grow?

## Prayer

Pray for each person to be able to have God's heart for giving so others can be blessed. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.