

# ***10 MISCONCEPTIONS THAT HINDER OUR GIVING***

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Introduction: We know that giving has always been a part of the worship of the New Testament church (**Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-37, I Corinthians 16:1-2, II Corinthians 8:1-7, II Corinthians 9:6-8**). It is an act of worship that we continue to observe in our weekly assemblies. We need to consider things that *help* our giving and things that *hinder* our giving. Let's study together...

Discussion:

***Misconception #1 – Giving is only a recommendation.***

What can we learn from **I Corinthians 16:1-2, Exodus 3:21, 23:15, 34:20, Deuteronomy 16:16?**

***Misconception #2 – Giving does not have to be regular.***

What can we learn from **I Corinthians 16:1-2, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4?**

***Misconception #3 – Giving is only required by the elders to pay the bills.***

What can we learn from **I Peter 5:1-4, Acts 6:3-4, I Timothy 3:1-13?**

***Misconception #4 – Giving is to remedy the programs of the church.***

What can we learn from **Ephesians 4:11-16, Romans 12, I Corinthians 12?**

***Misconception #5 – Giving is a responsibility only for the budget.***

What can we learn from **I Corinthians 14:40, II Corinthians 8-9, Acts 6:1-7, I Corinthians 16:1-2?**

***Misconception #6 – Giving is only to redeem one's conscience.***

What can we learn from **Malachi 3:8-12, Hebrews 9:27, II Corinthians 9:7?**

***Misconception #7 – Giving is to solidify a relationship with God.***

What can we learn from **Mark 10:17-27, John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23?**

***Misconception #8 – Giving is a deposit to receive future blessings from God.***

What can we learn from **Matthew 25:14-30, II Corinthians 9:6-7, Ephesians 4:17-19?**

***Misconception #9 – Giving is about responding to the needs of the church.***

What can we learn from **II Corinthians 8-9, Acts 2:40-47, Acts 4:32-35, Acts 6:1-7?**

***Misconception #10 – Giving is restricted to monetary things.***

What can we learn from **Mark 12:30, James 4:17, II Corinthians 8:5?**

Conclusion: I hope you've never had these thoughts, or heard these comments, because they will become a stumbling block. We must not ignore doubts and questions but study the Bible to find the answers (**II Timothy 2:15, John 8:32**) and then apply them! Paul told the church in Corinth: "*For we live by faith, not by sight*" (**II Corinthians 5:7**). What a great way to look at our Christian walk! Are you in the faith? Are you walking by faith? How can you give God more? Will you focus on what helps you or what hinders you? Let's give God our very best because He did (**II Corinthians 9:15**)!

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