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**BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE 3/8/2025**

**TOPIC: GIVING TO GOD - PRINCIPLES OF GIVING.**

**TEXT: 2 COR. 8: 1-15.**

**INTRODUCTION** We understand from the Scriptures that God is the source of all things and everything we have is a gift from Him. For God's people, giving is a way to express gratitude, love and faith in Him, help others and be part of His work on earth. A good understanding of the principles of giving is therefore important to fulfill these obligations. In this study, we shall examine the principles of giving with the view to understanding what,why, and how to give to God.

1. **GOD AND GIVING (WHAT)**
* He is the Originator / Creator – 1 Chron. 29: 11 - 15.
* He is the greatest Giver – John 3: 16.
* He is the Source of All Gifts / Life – Genesis 2: 7; 1Cor. 4:7.
1. **WHY WE GIVE**
2. To meet the needs of;
* The Saints– 2 Cor. 8: 4; 9: 1, 2.
* The house of God – Malachi 3: 10.
* The poor / needy 2 Cor. 9: 9; Prov. 19: 7; Prov. 19: 17; Mat 26: 11.
1. As point of contact / deposit / guarantee / foothold for God’s greater blessing –

 2 Cor. 9: 8 – 11; Prov. 3: 9, 10 (MSG); Psalm 50: 9 - 15; Phil. 4: 15 - 19.

1. **THE HOW / PRINCIPLES (7’s) OF GIVING**
2. Give Sincerely / Rejoicing / Cheerfully – 1Chron 29:9; 2 Cor. 9:7, Deut. 16:11
3. Give Spontaneously / Willingly – 2 Cor. 8: 3, 12; 1 Chron. 29: 17.
4. Give Specifically / As Purposed in Heart – 2 Cor. 9: 7; 8: 10.
5. Give with Satisfactory Estimate / As Able – 2Cor. 8:12; Deut. 16: 17.
6. Give Not Sparingly But Generously – 2Cor. 9: 6; Deut. 16: 16.
7. Give Sacrificially – 2Samuel 24: 24; Mark 12: 41 - 44.
8. Give of YOURSELF – 2Cor. 8:5.
* With Uprightness of Heart – 1Chron. 29: 17, Mat. 5:23

**Conclusion** It is a privilege to give to Him who has given us all things. May He grant us the grace to walk in this understanding in Jesus name. Amen.

Memory verse - So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2Cor. 9v7) NKJV.