

GIVING GOD YOUR BEST OFFERING

PRECEPT

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

PROMISE

When it comes to money, what are you good at? Spending, Sale and auction, or saving? Would you consider yourself stingy, someone who is unwilling to give or spend? A nominal Christian identifies as a Christian but lacks a genuine transformative relationship with Christ. Someone who attends church service and participates in religious activities, yet their faith does not influence their daily lives. Matthew 7:21-23 says, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Give God your best offering and not just your bare minimum.

TIME. Sometimes we think God is distant but that is not the case because we are far from Him. When we can't hear God it is because we are busy with something else. Jeremiah 29:13 tells us, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Did you know that you can tithe your time to the Lord? Segregate your time for God, devote your time to attending bible studies, life groups, church, and reading His words. Seek God if you truly love Him.

TALENT. Matthew 25:29 says, "To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." Every one of us is given a spiritual gift, and talents to cultivate and multiply it all for His glory. Are you wondering why God is not blessing you? or why more is taken away? It is probably because you are not investing the talents God gave you for His glory but using them for your interest.

TREASURE. Matthew 6:21 tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It is not about how much money God can give you but how much you love Him and how much time, talent, and resources you are willing to offer Him. Invest your resources in God and His people. For God's glory, He will bring you somewhere if you obey Him faithfully. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Give God your best offering because you love Him and not because you want something from Him. If it's hard for you to give, keep it to yourself because God demands higher than your 10%, he requires your heart. Give God your best offering by segregating your time for the Lord, sharing the gospel with your friends, and sharing your resources for the glory of God.

PRACTICE

1. **Giving.** Do you consider yourself stingy/parsimonious? Are you tithing your time, talent, and treasure to the Lord?

2. **Best Offering.** Are you giving God your best offering? Is there anything that is hindering you from giving your best? And how can we encourage and pray for you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Leaders

- Pray for protection and provision for our elders and leaders, and coordinators.

II. Nations

- Pray for revival, protection, strength and spiritual healing of all nations.

III. Disciples

- pray that we will reflect God's love and grace as we obey God in making disciples.

IV. Pastors

- May God's favour rest upon them and may He establish the work of their hands always.

V. Prayer

- Let us all continue to seek God's presence in our prayers.

VI. Provision

- Thank Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides, the one that owns everything.

VII. Love

- Pray that the body of Christ would faithfully show love to a hurting world in His name.