

# Giving



**Acts 20:35**

- In order to have “A Good Journey Financially” – we must do three things: (1) Get out of debt; (2) Never manipulate others; (3) Give
- In this text Paul warns about selfishness.
- There are three areas that Jesus said that we should give: tithes (Matt. 23:23); offerings (Mark 12:41-44); alms (Matt. 6:1-4).
- Every true Christian believer desire to live successfully spiritually and naturally.
- Connecting knowledge – “giving is not complete until receiving takes place.”
- If we sow abundantly, consistently, and patiently we will receive the harvest.

○ Successful Giving

1. A gift should have a sweet smell (2 Cor. 9:7).
  2. It should be an acceptable sacrifice.
  3. It should be pleasing to God.
- It is my desire that Love & Faith will be the most successful church in the world.

○ Three Areas to Give Successfully:

- Tithe, offering, and alms
1. Paying the tithe (Mal. 3:6).
    - Tithe – to pay and also to receive tithes
    - The tithe is a sacrifice. You can only tithe money.
    - Seven things we need to know about the tithe.
      - A. The tithe is an accursed thing.
        - Anything that is accursed we cannot use it and we cannot keep it (Joshua 6:18-19).
      - B. The tithe belongs to your local church.
      - C. The tithe releases God to demonstrate His power in our lives.
      - D. The tithe works in the supernatural.
      - E. The tithe stops the devil from destroying your incoming resources (v. 11).
      - F. The tithe stops the devil from destroying what you have.
      - G. The tithe stops the devil from pre-empting your plans.

- I can only tithe money.

2. The offering (Proverbs 13:22).

- There are five acceptable pleasing offerings you can give and offer to the Lord.

T-1. Treasure (Matt. 6:21, 24).

T-2. Time offering

T-3. Talent offering

T-4. Trade offering

T-5. Total offering

3. The giving of alms.

A. The poor need the gospel more than they need bread.

B. You cannot minister to the poor spiritually and overlook the physical needs.

C. There must be a balance (Matt. 23:23).