

## Giving Practices

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

\* **To Whom Should I Give?** “for the saints”

- To those in your spiritual family in physical need who cannot be cared for by their own family. *1 Timothy 5:3-8*
- To those who are spiritually investing in you. *1 Corinthians 9:3-14*
- To those who are extending the Gospel to people who cannot or will not financially support them. *Philippians 4:15-16*

\* **When Should I Give?** “On the first day of each week.”

- The benefits of giving weekly in worship:

*You participate in every part of the worship service*

*Your role as steward is consistently on your mind*

*You will give consistently and thoughtfully, not just sporadically or emotionally*

\* **Who Should Participate In Giving?** “each one of you”

- Any amount of income should result in some giving

\* **How Can I Give In Light of My Expenses?** “put aside and save” (In order to share)

- The Inverting Normal- 1) share                      2) save                      3) spend

\* **How Much Should I Give Away?** “as he may prosper”

- A tithe (10%) is an O.T. practice, not required in the N.T. (Msg. 10/1/06)

- How much I give flows out of a growing understanding that:

*Matthew 6:20: Eternal investments are most secure.*

*Matthew 6:21: Giving reveals my true heart.*

*Matthew 6:31-33: My heavenly Father sets me free from worry and fear that cause me to shrink back.*

*1 Timothy 6:17: Hope is to be fixed on the unchanging God, not on uncertain riches.*

*1 Timothy 6:18: Generosity is the goal. Generosity requires readiness.*

### Suggested Resources

Teaching Series: Unleashed 9/24/06 - 10/22/06

Listen online or contact the Sermon Resource Room

Crown Ministries\* - Contact Jim Whorton: jwhorton@crowns.org or 531-0007

\* NOTE:

- A Crown Ministries Small Group Study will be offered on Sundays, 11 a.m.– 1 p.m., beginning January 24th. Required orientation is Jan. 10th.
- A new study, “God Provides,” will be offered, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13th, at 7 p.m. It is designed to help people manage their resources within God’s economy.