

The Commands of Jesus: 6

Give

Jesus talked about giving as a matter of the _____.

Luke 16:10-13 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

¹³ “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” NIV84

Jesus’ commands on giving were in the _____ of Old Testament _____.

Everything you have _____ from _____.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 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 gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. NIV84

God said that 10% of what he gave people in the OT _____ to _____.

Leviticus 27:30 “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” NIV84

When people in the OT withheld 10%, he called it _____, because it _____ to _____.

Malachi 3:8-10 “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.”

“But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’”

“In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” NIV84

As promised in the _____, there is an ongoing blessing for _____.

Luke 6:38 [Jesus said,] “Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be the measure you receive.”

Come up with a giving _____. Here’s a good one:

- Give _____. (Num. 18:21-26; Luke 18:12 with Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:5)
- Give from your _____, not your _____. (Prov. 3:9-10)
- Give to support your _____ ministry. (1 Cor. 9:13-14; 1 Tim. 5:17-18)
- Give _____ and _____ your tithe to other ministries and needs. (2 Cor. 8:5)

Acts 20:35b The Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” NIV84

Jesus gave _____ advice on giving.

Luke 11:39-41 Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give what is inside [the dish] to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.” NIV84

Luke 12:33-34 [Jesus said to his disciples,] “Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” NIV84

Luke 18:22 When Jesus heard this, he said to [the rich young ruler,], “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” NIV84

Mark 12:41-44 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on.” NIV84

Luke 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” NIV84

Matthew 26:8-9 When the disciples saw [a woman anoint Jesus with expensive perfume], they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. ⁹ “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.” NIV84

Luke 14:33 In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. NIV84

The NT gave continued instructions on giving.

Don't put your _____ in wealth. Be _____. Be willing to _____.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. NIV84

Give from your _____, but be _____.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 My point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each one of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver.

Make practical _____.