

**Gifts to the
Ultimate Giver!
Part 1
Psalm 50:10-15**

Observations

- ▶ Sermons from this pulpit do not, in general, focus on financial contributions to this church
- ▶ There is a personal aversion not to be grouped with churches and religious groups who are “*heavy handed*” in soliciting money from its members (we have always had bi-vocational preachers, like the apostle Paul) Acts 18:3
- ▶ Giving to the church is really a very private act of worship between the worshipper and God alone
- ▶ Financial Giving to the Church is a command to those who have received from God

***God Knows What We Have To Give
And What We Don't!***

The Apostle Paul Even Mentioned That He Worked, and Paid For What He Consumed, Not To Burden the Church!

“For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, not because we do not have authority (1 Corinthians 9:14), but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.”

2 Thessalonians 3:7-8

This Church Uses Its Own Monies To Support Its Own Work

- ▶ Some Scriptural examples are found in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9
- ▶ There was a need to help the saints in Jerusalem financially
- ▶ Paul pleaded with the Corinthian Church, the Macedonian Church, and all the churches in Galatia to help

Observations



**The Church Of Christ, as a General Rule,
Does Not Solicit From Outside Of its
Membership For Its Financial Needs**

**If We Can't Afford It Ourselves, We Don't
Buy It, Which Is a Good Rule In General For
All Of Us To Follow!**

**My Car in
1980
along with
my
apartment
up above!**



My Affordable Car 1981!



**I got fewer
looks, but
much better
gas mileage
and a place
to live!**

*(Parents, cars like
this one can attract
a lot fewer
questionable
people)*




Attracts Too Many Flies!

Attracts Not as Many Flies!

**Parents: It Gets You
From Point A To
Point B With More
Money Left In Your
Pocketbook For
Other Essentials!**

**(food, clothes,
tuition, shelter, car
maintenance)**






Several Principles Of Financially Giving To The Body Of Christ

#1 Give Financially with Gratitude

Psalms 116:1-4; 6-7; 12-14

*“I love the Lord, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!”*



“The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. Return to rest, O my soul, For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with you.

“What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people.”

David Had Reasons to “Pay His Vows” to God!

- ▶ David was saved from a Lion and a Bear as a boy
- ▶ David was saved from King Saul who wanted him dead
- ▶ David was promoted from a nobody to a somebody to the highest job in the land, 1 Samuel 16
- ▶ David was protected from his own son who wanted to kill him
- ▶ David was forgiven the egregious wrongs of adultery and murder



***David Says One Way
To Show Your
Gratefulness Is To
Contribute To God's
Work Financially!***

***One reason he financially makes a
commitment to God Is Out Of Gratefulness!***

Aren't We In David's Position Too?

- ▶ Have you or someone in your family ever been saved from something bigger than you?
- ▶ Have you ever been out of a job with no income with your children/family depending on you?
- ▶ Have you ever been promoted *“from a nobody to a somebody?”*
- ▶ Have you ever been forgiven by God of egregious wrongdoings and actually able to see his mercy and grace exhibited before you?

God Has Already Given Heaven's Best For You and Me!

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

**We Have All the Rights And
Privileges Of Children Of God
Through The Gift Of His Son Who
Died For Us! Acts 10:34**

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent Of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38