

Give

People come at us all the time with their hand out. “Would you like to make a donation to _____?” We are so conditioned to ignore them, or disregard them, or even lie to get out of it (i.e. “I gave at the office.”) that we treat God the same way!

Malichi prophesied to Israel by saying, “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.” **Malachi 3:8**

You would be right in saying that even churches have been known to take advantage of people regarding money. Yet, it does not take away the fact that it is still good and right and even God expects us to give! He is a giving God and He expects those who follow Him to be giving people!

There is no doubt that money gets tight occasionally, even often, but keep this in mind: we still prosper! So, Paul said to the Corinthian brethren, “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up *as he may prosper*, that there be no collections when I come.” **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

God has never told us to give more than we have. That’s simply impossible, but He does tell us to give ALL we have! He told us through the prodigal son’s father, “all that I have is yours!” Paul rhetorically asked in **Romans 8:32** “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

If God has given so much to us, and He has, we must also give back to Him! What a powerful song was written:

“All to Jesus I surrender. All to Him I freely give!”

Love to all,
Andy

The Memory Machine Verse:

2 Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.