

Get more bang from your offering buck

¹⁴ It was good of you to establish a partnership with me in my troubles.

¹⁵ And you Philippians also know that in the arrival of the Gospel, when I came out from Macedonia, not one church had fellowship with me with regard to the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶ Even [when I was] in Thessalonica, what you sent, time and time again, met my needs. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I do seek the fruit abounding to your account.

¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent: a fragrant aroma; an acceptable sacrifice; well-pleasing to God.

¹⁹ Now, my God will satisfy all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 8:18, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Proverbs 3:10. There are Bible verses stating God gets our money! Matthew 6:2

Smart stewardship is about. not money. 4:14-16

Smart stewardship focuses on the
Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

Smart stewardship focuses on the
Contribute to the needs of the saints, and seek to show hospitality. Romans 12:13

Smart stewardship is about. not returns. 4:17-19

Smart stewardship results in
John 15:16 + Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will be fruitful. Titus 3:14

Smart stewardship results in
Honour the Lord with your wealth. Prov.3:9-10

Smart stewardship results in
Seek ye first... Matthew 6:31-33

On the first day of the week... 1 Cor.16:1-2

Now, He who supplies... 2 Cor.9:10-11

the glorious riches of this mystery... Col.1:25-27

This week's song selection

Praise You, Lord | Open the eyes of my heart | He's everything to me | Abba Father (Michael Card) | O Church arise | Jehovah Jireh | Brother, sister, let me serve you | He gave His all

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

1. Would it be easier to give your tithes to God or to believers?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. What are the preconditions for cheerful giving; and why do they result in cheerful giving?
3. All the Bible verses (listed overleaf) emphasise giving to fellow believers. Suggest reasons why Scripture makes that emphasis.
4. What dangers lurk in thinking that giving money to God should result in God needing to repay us financially?
5. Read Philippians 4:18. Financial giving is connected with worship. How is it possible to make that leap of logic?
6. If God is good, and loving, and powerful, and kind, and wants the best for us, why doesn't He make all believers wealthy?

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