

The Blueprint: What We Believe and Why Giving

My personal summary of the Biblical doctrine of giving has three key statements.

- (1)** God created tithing (giving 10% of our income to God and His work) as a universal _____ standard for spending the money He gave us the opportunity to earn. (Genesis 14:18-20; 28:10-22, 1 Corinthians 9:11-15, 2 Corinthians 2:6-7, Galatians 6:6, 1 Timothy 5:17-18)

- (2)** When properly understood and believed, the Gospel leads every Christian to cheerfully prioritize finding ways to exceed tithing to their local church and things that complement the work of the local church because the Gospel builds within them a _____ for people to know, follow, and thrive in a relationship with Christ as well as confidence in the very clear _____ of Christ to bless all who faithfully serve Him with their finances. (Matthew 6:19-34, 2 Corinthians 6:7)

- (3)** Therefore, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the ultimate motivation to prayerfully formulate and execute a _____ to live life as a Kingdom giver rather than a consumer. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 16:25; 19:29, Mark 12:41-43, Luke 9:23, James 2:20)

Challenge: Are you seeking God for _____ to spend more of what you make on the things of this world or for the wisdom, discipline, and faith to spend more on what matters most to Him—His life-giving work through the local Church?