

PRINCIPLES OF GIVING



- What did Jesus say about the act of giving?

- **Acts 20:35** In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”

- **Matt 22: 21**
...Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

- Whom to give?



- What do we give under the new covenant?

- **Luke 14:33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.**

- What do we give under the new covenant?



- **Rom12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.**

2 Cor 9

- **⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.**
- **⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**

- **1 Cor 13:3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.**

- **MOTIVE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ACT**

SUMMARY

- **Giving – an integral part of Christian living**
- **Christian giving is more than contributing money**
- **Voluntarily done according to one's capacity, but with generosity**
- **Motive is more important than the act**