

“Keeping Our Focus in Giving”

Matt. 25:34-40

Introduction

- I. If we are not careful, we can allow ourselves to become complacent in our acts of worship.
- II. One of the ways this can happen is to forget the reasons behind the actions.
- III. In this study, we will notice why giving is so important, and the meaning behind it.

Discussion

- I. The preacher and his family benefit from your giving (1 Cor. 9:7-10).
 - A. This is able to support a man and his family.
 - B. As a result, the congregation receives different blessings.
 1. Spiritual education
 2. Sermons
 3. Visits
 4. Comfort and rebuke
- II. People that you do not know benefit from your giving (Gal. 6:10; Acts 11:28-30).
 - A. There are many in different states and nations that receive blessings.
 - B. Orphans (James 1:27).
 - C. There are many who benefit through correspondence courses, DVD mail-outs, and television programs.
- III. People that you do know benefit from your giving (Gal. 6:10; James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:16-17).
 - A. From time to time, a brother or sister may need assistance because of hardships.
 - B. Widows who have no other support.
 - C. While much is never said, these things happen.
- IV. Giving should never become something that we begrudge.
 - A. God has commanded that we give (Luke 6:38; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).
 - B. Our mindsets and attitudes should be positive and willing (2 Cor. 9:6-8).
 - C. Much praise is bestowed on those who give appropriately (Phil. 4:15-19).

Conclusion

- I. Giving is an integral part of the life of a Christian.
- II. We must remember that we can never out give God (John 3:16).