



# A Disciple of Christ Works it Out

Luke 14:33 In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

## Why a Disciple Gives

- 1) It's a way to give back to the God who's given so much to us.

1 Chronicles 29:14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Deuteronomy 8:17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

- 2) It's a real life way to express worship to the God who is worthy of our devotion.

1 Chronicles 16:29 ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Deuteronomy 16:16 ...No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed:

Philippians 4:18 ... the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

- 3) It's a tangible way to express love back to the God who poured out His love on us.

1 Corinthians 8:7...see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love.

2 Corinthians 9: 7... God loves a cheerful giver.

## What a Disciple Gives

- 1) Biblical Principle- Generous, Proportional Giving

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Deuteronomy 16:17 Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

- 2) Biblical Precedent – 10%

Genesis 14:20 And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Genesis 28:22 ...of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Leviticus 27:30 "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

- 3) My Personal Practice

Bottom Line – A disciple gives everything God asks for.

## How a Disciple Gives

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Step 1 - Figure out what God wants you to give.

2 Corinthians 9: 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Step 2 –When you get your paycheck, Give first to God.

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

Step 3 – Give by Faith.