



Two Principles of Giving

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Martha was a new believer. She had already understood how tithes and offerings are important for God's cause in the earth, and how ~~should we~~ not be controlled by emotions or feelings when we give.

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She also knows that her tithe should be based on a percentage, specified by God. Ten percent.

But she was wondering "how much should I give as offerings?"

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Luckily, she had Jackie to explain everything she needed to know. Jackie had not only become her friend but she also happened to be Martha's Bible study teacher.

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"Here, Martha! This is actually something very simple to understand. Paul suggests that we should purpose in our hearts something to give (2 Cor. 9:7). Some people vow a fixed amount to be given regularly. But there is a problem in this suggestion. For example:

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I have a friend who vowed to give 10 dollars as offering everytime he received his paycheck. Not too long after that, he lost his job. Now, how would he give something he didn't have? On the other hand, let's say you vow to give 10 dollars as offering, but you end up getting a new job with a very good salary. Do you think that 10 dollars would be proportional to your blessing?"

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"So how should I give my offering?" you may ask. Well, the Bible suggests that we should give offerings 'according to the blessing' (Deut.16:17), or according to the prosperity (1 Cor. 16:2). It is way easier when we give in proportion. So, in this fair percentage-based system of offerings, those who earn more, give more; those who earn less, give less; and those who earn nothing, give nothing, and are considered truly faithful!

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"Simple, right?"

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"It was by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who gave His life for the world, that this plan for systematic giving was devised... the cause would no longer be dependent on the uncertain gifts of impulse and vary according to the changing feelings of men" (E. G. White, *Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 66, 199, 200).

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As you return your tithe and give your promise, ask the Lord to help you truly understand the principles of tithing and offering, so you can sincerely be used in His work of spreading the gospel throughout all nations.

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May we put our desires last and God first.

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