

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS

1. By what has God ordained that His work be sustained?

“Tithes and offerings.” **Malachi 3:8.**

2. How are we told to come into His courts?

“*Bring an offering*, and come into His courts.” **Psalm 96:8.**

NOTE — Various offerings are mentioned in the Bible, such as thank-offerings, peace-offerings, sin-offerings, and trespass-offerings.

3. In celebrating the three annual feasts, what instruction did God give to His people anciently?

“Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year. . . . And *none shall appear before Me empty.*” **Exodus 23:14, 15.**

4. With what spirit would God have us give?

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for *God loveth a cheerful giver.*” **2Corinthians 9:7.**

5. On what condition did Paul say he would have a reward?

“If I do this thing *willingly*, I have a reward.” **1Corinthians 9:17.**

6. What has Christ said regarding giving?

“It is *more blessed to give than to receive.*” **Acts 20:35.**

7. How does God regard the covetous man?

“The wicked boasteth of his heart’s desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom the Lord abhorreth.*” **Psalm 10:3.** See **Exodus 18:21.**

8. What warning did Christ give against covetousness?

“Take heed, and *beware of covetousness*: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” **Luke 12:15.**

9. How, in the parable, did God regard the selfish rich man?

“But God said unto him, *Thou fool*, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” **Verse 20.**

10. What application does Christ make of this parable?

“So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” **Verse 21.** See **1Timothy 6:7.**

11. By what means can men lay up treasure in heaven?

“Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.” **Luke 12:33.** See **1Timothy 6:7.**

12. What charge was Timothy instructed to give the rich?

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; *that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;* laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” **1Timothy 6:17–19.**

13. How does God regard such a course?

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for *with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*” **Hebrews 13:16.**

14. According to what rule should one give?

“*Every man shall give as he is able,* according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee.” **Deuteronomy 16:17.**

15. Upon what basis are gifts acceptable to God?

“For if there be first a willing mind, *it is accepted according to that a man hath,* and not according to that he hath not.” **2Corinthians 8:12.**

16. What indicates where our hearts are?

“For *where your treasure is,* there will your heart be also.” **Luke 12:34.**