

# Worship in Generosity

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*2 Corinthians 8:1-5*

## Why is Giving so Hard?

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***“The basic question is not how much of our money we should give to God, but how much of God’s money we should keep for ourselves.”***

*(J. Oswald Sanders)*

# Why is Giving so Hard?

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## Personal Conclusions:

- It is too personal.
  - *“It is our money given to us because of our work.”*
- It means a personal sacrifice.
  - *You have to give what is yours.*

# **How is Giving Worship?**

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*(Luke 21:1,2, ESV)*

## **The History of Giving**

- Cain and Abel (*Genesis 4:3-5*)
- Tithing (*10% percent*)

## How is Giving Worship?

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- *A tenth of produce.*  
(Leviticus 27:30)
- *A tenth of cattle.*  
(Leviticus 27:32)
- *A tenth was a just return.*  
(Genesis 28:22)

## The Early Church Gave

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- They gave themselves to God first.  
(*2 Corinthians 8:5*)
- They gave according to their means.  
(*2 Corinthians 8:3*)
- They gave beyond their ability.  
(*2 Corinthians 8:3*)

# How to Become a Cheerful Giver (1 Corinthians 11:28)

## Stir up your motivation:

- Realize your blessings. (*Acts 4:32-36*)
- Plan your giving. (*2 Corinthians 8:1-5*)
  - See *how much you can give.*
  - See *how much you can give if you sacrifice.*
- Do not rob God. (*Malachi 3:6-12*)

# How to Become a Cheerful Giver

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- God
- *Is*
- *Very*
- *Extravagant*