

**1) I will give myself first to God. (2Cor. 8:5)**

Christians don't just give themselves to God one time. We are to continually offer ourselves to the Lord. How do you need to give yourself to the Lord in a fresh way in the following ways?

- Give your sin to God.
- Give your hurt to God.
- Give your fears to God.
- Give your doubt to God.
- Give your will to God.

**2) I will give the first and best out of what God provides. (Proverbs 3:9)**

Have you judged the motives of those who have more wealth than you? In what practical ways can a wealthy person honor the Lord with his wealth?

Have you congratulated yourself a little too much for giving your leftovers to God or donating your worthless stuff to Goodwill?

**3) I will make giving a priority. (1Cor. 16:2)**

Which sequence listed below best describes your giving?

Spend...Save...Give OR GIVE...SAVE...SPEND.

**4) I will give with pre-determination. (2Cor. 9:7)**

How do you determine to whom and how much you will give? Is it mostly an emotional response? How often do you examine your income and expenses to determine what you will give toward God's work? How often do you have a focused discussion with your spouse and family about your family's giving?

**5) I will give a percentage. (Malachi 3:10)**

Do you know what you spent last month on the following categories? Mortgage, Food, Gas, Phone, Savings. What percentage of your income was spent on those expenses? Do you know what amount you gave away? What percentage of your income did you give away?

**6) I will bring what I give to the place of worship. (Malachi 3:10)**

The local church is God's plan to reach the world. Is your giving reflective of the fact that your local church is the primary place where you are loved and cared for? What other ministries do you support with your generosity?

**7) I will invite God's presence and protection with my generosity. (Malachi 3:11)**

Describe a time when you put God to the test financially and then God 'opened the windows' of blessing to you.

Describe a time when you withheld what belonged to God and the 'devourer' came to destroy what you had.

Leonard Ravenhill said, "You have an incredible opportunity to be the first person in the history of the world whom God has ever failed. So test him." How does this motivate you to obey God with your giving?

**8) I will give expectantly. (2Cor. 9:6,10)**

Farmers know they must never eat their seed. Have you used the seed God has supplied to multiply ministry and provision? Or have you consumed the seed?

**9) I will believe that if I don't have it, I don't need it. (Philippians 4:19)**

Have you been frustrated that your prayers for increased finances have gone unanswered? Are you content to believe if God doesn't give it you don't need it?

**10) I will give in response to God's inexpressible gift to me. (2Cor. 9:15)**

Has the thought of all that Christ gave up to save you through His death and resurrection become unremarkable to you? Is your generosity fueled by the thought of his inexpressible gift of salvation?