

Motivation #4: In my case, giving is an _____ to materialism and greed - therefore I'm happy to practice the discipline of giving.

1 Timothy 6:10 *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."*

Ecclesiastes 5:10,13: *Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. 13 I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner...*

Motivation #5: I'm very grateful to God for all He has done for me. My financial gifts to Him, through the church, are given in hopes of extending His Kingdom and spreading this _____.

1 Corinthians 9:13-14 *"Don't you know that those who work in the Temple get their meals from the food brought to the Temple as offerings? And those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrificial offerings. In the same way, the Lord gave orders that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it."*

MAIN MOTIVATION: Because I desire to honor God and bring glory to Him, I gladly give Him the _____ and _____ of everything He has given to me.

Proverbs 3:9 *"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops"* (NIV)

Proverbs 3:9 *"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces"* (NLT)

First Fruits = the first _____ of the harvest.

Leviticus 27:30 *"A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy."*

This principle of "*first fruits*" is seen many times in scripture:

➤ _____ gave to Melchizedek a tenth of everything he won in war.

Genesis 14:18-20 *"Then Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought him bread and wine. Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who has helped you conquer your enemies." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered."*

➤ _____ made a vow that included a 10% offering to the Lord.

Genesis 28:20-22 *Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will be with me and protect me on this journey and give me food and clothing, 21 and if he will bring me back safely to my father, then I will make the LORD my God. 22 This memorial pillar will become a place for worshiping God, and I will give God a tenth of everything he gives me."*

➤ _____ took the plunder from the first city conquered and gave it to the Lord.

Joshua 6:17-19 *The city and everything in it must be completely destroyed as an offering to the LORD. Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on all Israel. Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury."*

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Key Thought: When we give the first 10% of everything God has given us, we demonstrate _____, and God is honored.

Hebrews 11:6 *So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith.*

Key Thought: Even though God owns it all, He is _____ honored by the first 10% of what we receive from Him.

Five Things We Can Do With Money

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

IF THIS IS YOUR ORDER OF PRIORITIES THEN
GOD IS GETTING THE LEFTOVERS

Question: Can I honor God with less than 10% giving?

Answer: Yes, but not fully. Therefore, a new Christian is encouraged to grow in his or her _____ to honor God?

FINAL THOUGHTS

When we give to God it is an act of _____.

When we give to Him we are saying, "*He alone is worthy of receiving these gifts, because He alone has given to me all I need*".

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.*

Motivation #1: I'm happy to _____ my submission to the truth that I belong to Him - all of me.

Psalms 24:1 *The earth is the LORD'S and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it..."*

Motivation #2: I want to draw ever closer to God and I know that my _____ will go where I put God's money.

Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Motivation #3: I look forward to and _____ prepare for the next life - that is, life in Heaven.

Matthew 6:19-20 *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."*

Matthew 25:21 *"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"*