

**Biblical Word Study: Giving**

Tithe- Offering- Alms- Teacher Care- First Fruits

*After researching the Hebrew, Greek, and secular definitions of the five types of Biblical giving, in your own words define what they mean and why God created each category of giving.*

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Offering:

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Alms:

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Teacher Care:

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First Fruits:

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If all saints honored all forms of Biblical giving, what would be the result?

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List 10 Bible verses about Giving:

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*Memorize one of the above verses which resonates with you.*

Read Genesis 15 in its entirety:

- 1. God made a promise to Abram
- 2. Abram believed the promise by faith
- 3. What did God require from Abram to establish His covenant with him?

Read Genesis 15:8-9 and James 2: 14-26

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Multiple Choice

Considering the above scriptures, as well as your answers to the question;  
Giving isn't just a scriptural requirement it is an act of:

- ☐ A. the will
- ☐ B. the heart
- ☐ C. faith
- ☐ D. all of the above

Why do you believe God requires an offering/sacrifice when He makes us a promise?

Because giving is an act of:

- ☐ A. love, honor, and thanksgiving to God
- ☐ B. worship and reception
- ☐ C. sowing towards the promised harvest
- ☐ D. all of the above

In your own words, answer the above question:

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The Lord required 5 different animals for Abram’s sacrifice to establish His covenant.

Copy and Paste the link below into your internet’s browser:

<https://graceintorah.net/2015/06/15/hebrew-numbers-1-10/>

Read the section on the meaning of five in Hebrew. The Lord asked for this specific amount. What significance does the amount of offering sacrificed to God have in connection to His promise to Abram?

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With the above answer in mind, what have you learned?

- ☐ A. There is a prophetic nature to giving
- ☐ B. We sow towards the establishment of our offspring- Psalm 102:28
- ☐ C. God wants us to sow on the level of His promise
- ☐ D. all of the above

In your own words, answer the above question:

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When you give, do you consider that God already has the amount He wants you to sow in His heart?

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Do you believe your faith is strong enough to give the Lord the amount of sacrifice He wants, and not the amount you've pre-planned and are comfortable with? Why?

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## Read and Respond

Read the assigned scriptures and answer the questions below:

### ***Tithe and Offering***

Read Malachi 3:8-12.

- What is the consequence of not bringing the Lord tithes and offerings?
- Who releases the curse?
- What happens when you bring the Lord your tithe and offering?
- Who covers you from loss when you tithe and offer to God?

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### ***Alms***

Read Psalm 41:1-3, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 28:27, Luke 14:13-14, Matthew 25:31-46, Matthew 6:1-4, 2 Corinthians 8-9.

- What are some blessings connected to giving to the poor?
- What are the consequences of not giving to those in need?
- When we give to those in need, does the Lord give us natural blessings, spiritual blessings, or both?

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### ***Teacher Care***

Read Galatians 6:4-9, 1 Corinthians 9:1-15, Philippians 4:15-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-7 and Luke 22:35.

- What is God's will concerning His laborers?
- Providing for teachers is compared to sowing into what, what are the results?
- Not providing for teachers is compared to sowing into what, what are the consequences?
- Whose responsibility is it to make sure those who labor for the Kingdom are taken care of financially?

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### ***First Fruits***

Read Proverbs 3:9, Genesis 4:3-7, Hebrews 11:4, Exodus 23:19, Nehemiah 10:35-37, Deuteronomy 26:1-4

- Why does God want the first of our harvest?
- The First fruits is a consecrated harvest, does that make it holy unto the Lord?
- What are some reasons the first fruits were offered to the Lord?
- What are the benefits of offering your first fruits?

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*Self- Reflection:*

Self Reflection is an essential part of studying because it helps you to apply the Word to your personal life. It also enables you to see the ways the Lord may be using your studies to speak to you.

What does your level of giving, and consistency with giving, show God about your faith?

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Have you ever considered a lack of giving or not including God in the amount given, as a form of dishonor towards Him?

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What has your response been to God's promises and blessings; based upon scripture, what should your response be?

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Read James 1:22-25. What permanent changes do you plan to make to mature in the area of giving?

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