

## ***VERSES ON GIVING TO MINISTRY***

**Genesis 14:20** 20 Abram gave [Melchizedek] a tenth of everything.

**Genesis 28:20-22** 20 Then Jacob made a vow saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, 21 so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then Yahweh shall be my God, 22 and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.

**Exodus 22:29** 29 You will not delay the offering from your harvest and your vintage.

**Exodus 23:19** 19 The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of Yahweh your God.

**Exodus 25:1-9** 1 Yahweh spoke to Moses saying: 2 Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for me. From every man whose heart moves him you will raise my contribution. 3 This is the contribution which you are to raise from them: gold, silver, and bronze, 4 blue, purple, and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair, 5 rams' skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood, 6 oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, 7 and onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece. 8 Let them construct a sanctuary (מִקְדָּשׁ) for me, that I may dwell (שָׁכַן) among them. 9 According to all that I am going to show you—as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture—just so you will construct it.

**Exodus 34:26** 26 The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of Yahweh your God.

**Exodus 35:20-29** 20 Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. 21 And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought Yahweh's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. 22 So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to Yahweh. 23 And every one who possessed blue, purple, or scarlet yarns, fine linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, or goatskins brought them. 24 Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as Yahweh's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. 25 And every skilful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue, purple, and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. 26 All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. 27 And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, 28 and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. 29 All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that Yahweh had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to Yahweh.

**Leviticus 27:30-32** 30 Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is Yahweh's. It is holy to the Lord. 31 If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it. 32 And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to Yahweh.

**Numbers 18:26-32** 26 Moreover, you shall speak and say to the Levites, When you take from the people of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present a contribution from it to Yahweh, a tithe of the tithe. 27 And your contribution shall be counted to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress. 28 So you shall also present a contribution to Yahweh from all your tithes, which you receive from the people of Israel. And from it you shall give Yahweh's contribution to Aaron the priest. 29 Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every contribution due to Yahweh. From each its best part is to be dedicated. 30 Therefore you shall say to them, When you have offered from it the best of it, then the rest shall be counted to the Levites as produce of the threshing floor, and as produce of the winepress. 31 And you may eat it in any place, you and your households, for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. 32 And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have contributed the best of it.

**Deuteronomy 8:18** 18 You will remember Yahweh your God, for it is he who is giving you power (כֹּחַ) to make wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

**Deuteronomy 12:19** 19 Take care that you do not neglect the Levite as long as you live in your land.

**Deuteronomy 14:22-25** 22 You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. 23 And before Yahweh your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear Yahweh your God always. 24 And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when Yahweh your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which Yahweh your God chooses, to set his name there, 25 then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that Yahweh your God chooses.

**Deuteronomy 14:27-29** 27 You will not neglect the Levite who is in your town, for he has no portion or inheritance among you. 28 At the end of every third year you will bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year and deposit it in your town. 29 The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you..., will come, eat, and be satisfied in order that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the work of your hand that you do.

**Deuteronomy 16:16-17** 16 Three times in a year all your males will appear before Yahweh your God in the place that he chooses, at the festival of Unleavened Bread, at the festival of Weeks, and at the festival of Booths, and they will not appear before Yahweh empty-handed. 17 Every man will give as he is able, according to the blessing of Yahweh your God that he has given you.

**Deuteronomy 18:1-5** 1 The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, will have no portion or inheritance with Israel. They will eat Yahweh's offerings by fire and his portion. 2 They will have no inheritance among their countrymen. Yahweh is their inheritance, as he promised them. 3 Now this will be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, either an ox or a sheep, of which they will give to the priest the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the stomach. 4 You will give him the first fruits of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the first shearing of your sheep. 5 For Yahweh your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to stand and serve in the name of Yahweh forever.

**Deuteronomy 25:4** 4 You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.

**1 Chronicles 29:1-17** 1 And David the king said to all the assembly, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for Yahweh God. 2 So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, coloured stones, all sorts of precious stones, and marble. 3 Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: 4 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, 5 and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to Yahweh? 6 Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. 7 They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. 8 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of Yahweh, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to Yahweh. David the king also rejoiced greatly. 10 Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: Blessed are you, Yahweh, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, Yahweh, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. 16 Yahweh our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.

**2 Chronicles 31:4-10** 4 And [Hezekiah] commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the Torah of Yahweh. 5 As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything. 6 And the people of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of the dedicated things that had been dedicated to Yahweh their God, and laid them in heaps. 7 In the third month they began to pile up the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Yahweh and his people Israel. 9 And Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps. 10 Azariah the chief priest, who was of the house of Zadok, answered him, Since they began to bring the contributions into the house of Yahweh, we have eaten and had enough and have plenty left, for Yahweh has blessed his people, so that we have this large amount left.

**Ezra 1:1-6** 1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also in writing saying: 2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has appointed me to build him a house in Jerusalem that is in Judah. 3 Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem that is in Judah and rebuild the house of Yahweh, the God of Israel. He is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 Every survivor, at whatever place he may live, let the men of that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. 5 Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, even everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem. 6 All those about them encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering.

**Ezra 2:68** 68 Some of the heads of fathers' households, when they arrived at the house of Yahweh that is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to restore it on its foundation.

**Nehemiah 10:32-33** 32 We...placed ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly one third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: 33 for the showbread, for the continual grain offering, for the continual burnt offering, the sabbaths, and the new moon, for the appointed times, for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

**Job 41:11** 11 Who has given to me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

**Proverbs 11:25** 25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

**Haggai 1:2-11** 2 Thus says Yahweh of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of Yahweh. 3 Then the word of Yahweh came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 4 Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins? 5 Now, therefore, thus says Yahweh of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough. You drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. 7 Thus says Yahweh of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hills, bring wood, and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says Yahweh. 9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares Yahweh of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. 10 Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. 11 And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labours.

**Malachi 3:8-10** 8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, How have we robbed you? In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. 10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says Yahweh of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

**Matthew 6:19-21** 19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in or steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Matthew 10:40-42** 40 Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

**Mark 12:41-44** 41 And [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. 43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. 44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

**Luke 6:38** 38 Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.



**Luke 8:1-3** 1 Soon afterward [Jesus] went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

**Luke 10:7** 7 ...The labourer deserves his wages.

**Luke 16:8-13** 8 ...The sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 10 One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**Luke 21:1-4** 1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, 2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 And he said, Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.

**John 12:3-8** 3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.

**Acts 2:44-45** 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

**Romans 16:1-2** 1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, 2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

**1 Corinthians 9:7-18** 7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? 8 Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Torah say the same? 9 For it is written in the Torah of Moses, You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain. Is it for oxen that God is concerned? 10 Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in

the crop. 11 If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? 12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Messiah. 13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? 14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. 15 But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. 16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

**1 Corinthians 16:1-4** 1 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. 3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

## **2 Corinthians 8-9**

**2 Corinthians 11:7-9** 7 ...Did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. 9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way.

**Galatians 6:6-10** 6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Philippians 4:15-19** 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Messiah Jesus.

**1 Timothy 5:17-18** 17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain, and, The labourer deserves his wages.

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** 17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**3 John 5–8** 5 Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, 6 who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. 8 Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.