

# Christian Living Studies – Study 25

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(A simple, comprehensive bible study for NEW CHRISTIANS)

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## Growing in service

### STUDY 25      GIVING

#### YOUR POSSESSIONS

1. What is a natural way to feel about your money and possessions? (Deuteronomy 8:17)
2. From what source do everyone's material possessions come? (Deuteronomy 8:18, 1 Chronicles 29:12)
3. Write out Matthew 6:31 – 33 in your own words.
4. What are the results of a strong desire for money? (1 Timothy 6:9 – 10)
5. In Luke 12:15 – 21
  - a. What did God call this man?
  - b. What kind of person does God say this of?
  - c. What is Christ's warning?
6. How did some early Christians react to the loss of their possessions? (Hebrews 10:34)

#### BEING GOOD STEWARDS

7. What are some areas in which God expects you to be a faithful steward? (1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20, Ephesians 5:15 – 16, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, 1 Chronicles 29:12 – 14)

Read Matthew 25:14 – 30

8. As the Lord's steward you should be aware that ... (Romans 5:10, 12)

#### USING MONEY UNWISELY

9. How much does God need your material gifts? (Psalm 50:10, 12)

10. What unusual opportunity does God offer you? (Matthew 6:20)
11. What do you think it means that there is more blessing in giving than receiving? (Acts 20:35)
12. What principles underline New Testament giving? (2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:18)

#### HOW TO GIVE

13. Look at Exodus 25:2, 35:21, 29, 1 Chronicles 29:9, 2 Corinthians 9:7
  - a. What quality in your giving is important?
  - b. What kind of giving is not commendable? (2 Corinthians 9:7)
14. 1 Corinthians 16:2
  - a. How many are encouraged to give?
  - b. Were the Corinthians instructed to put aside their gifts regularly or irregularly?
  - c. How were they to determine how much to give?
15. How can you honour the Lord? (Proverbs 3:9)
16. It is wise to give ... (2 Corinthians 9:6)
17. Of what can a liberal give be assured? (Luke 6:38)
18. The reward of giving can be lost by ... (Matthew 6:1 – 4) Why?
19. To whom should you give? (1 Corinthians 9:11 – 14, Galatians 6:6, Proverbs 19:17, James 2:15 – 16)
20. In Mark 12:41 – 44
  - a. What was Jesus observing?
  - b. What did He praise and why?
  - c. How did most people contribute to the temple treasury?
  - d. How did the widow's giving compare to the others?
21. What promises are given to those who give to the Lord's work? (Philippians 4:15 – 19, Luke 16:9 – 12)
22. What is the most important promise in this study to believe and pray about? What is the most challenging instruction? Does the Lord want you to make any change in your giving habits? If so, what?