

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.  
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SERMON OUTLINE 5/31/09

BIBLE PASSAGE: [II Corinthians 9:1-8](#)

TITLE: “GIVING THAT GLORIFIES GOD”

INTRO:

1. Are you experiencing spiritual joy as you \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian life?
2. Does God’s Word link joy to tithes and offerings?
3. Pay \_\_\_\_\_ attention to *verse 7* of the text/five words: “God loves a cheerful giver”...
4. Spiritual joy and sincere generosity are inseparably \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.

PROPOSITION: Obey God by cheerfully bringing your tithes and offerings into His local church ministry.

I. RECOGNIZE SEVERAL SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES.

- A. The Israelites In The Wilderness, [Exodus 36:1-7](#).
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Nehemiah’s Day, [Nehemiah 2:17, 18; 9:1-8](#).
- C. The Wisdom Of Solomon, [Proverbs 17:20-23](#).
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Jesus Christ, [Luke 6:38; 12:32-34](#).
  1. “More blessed to give than to receive”, [Acts 20:35](#).
  2. Blessed implies peace and joy.
  3. Where is your treasure?

II. REFLECT UPON GOD’S GIFTS TO YOU.

- A. Spiritual Gifts From God.
  1. Salvation.
  2. The Bible, [II Timothy 3:14-17](#).
  3. The Holy Spirit.
  4. The \_\_\_\_\_ church.

- B. Physical Gifts From God.
- C. Social Gifts From God.
- D. Economic Gifts From God.

III. BE REMINDED OF GOD'S PROMISES CONCERNING GENEROSITY.

- A. The Biblical Principle/You Can't \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - 1. [Proverbs 11:25](#).
  - 2. [Proverbs 22:9](#).
  - 3. [Malachi 3:8-12](#).
- B. The Big Problem.
  - 1. Knowing and \_\_\_\_\_ are two different things.
  - 2. Humans excel in rationalizing disobedience...

IV. REVIEW YOUR HEART.

- A. Is My Giving Proportionate To My Income?
- B. If Others Knew My \_\_\_\_\_ Of Giving, Would I Be A Help Or Hindrance To Their Generosity?
- C. Is My Giving Motivated By Guilt Or \_\_\_\_\_?
- D. Am I Prayerful In My Giving, Yielded To God's Direction In Giving Above The Tithe?

V. RELY ON GOD TO HONOR CONSISTENT GENEROSITY.

- A. Trust And Obey.
- B. Expect And Anticipate God's Blessing.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Unbelievers stumble at the thought of giving a tenth. Are you a believer?
- 2. Are you an obedient believer in giving the tithe and offerings above the tithe?