

CBMBC Sermon Outline

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THE EXHORTATION ON GIVING

(A Verse In Reverse) I Corinthians 16:1-4

Acts 11:27-30, Romans 15:25-27.

1 Corinthian 16 is An Exhortation - a command, a call to get believers involved in giving.

1. As God hath prospered you...

Calls for Reflection. I Timothy 6:17 - it is God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. Calls for Rejoicing (celebration). 2 Corinthians 9:7 - "God loveth a cheerful giver."

2. Lay by him in store...

Sir John Templeton, chairman of Templeton Fund that manages \$15 billion dollar annually said, "I have watched 100,000 families over my years of investment counseling. I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among the families who tithed than among those who didn't," Plus Magazine.

The matter is determined by two things:

- (1) The blessings of God upon a person.
- (2) The love and obedience of the blessed believer.

"God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving."

3. Let every one of you... (Calls for responsibility).

* Our Lord commended the widow's two mites to teach us that no one could be too poor to give.

* And He also received the wealth of Barnabas to demonstrate that no one could be too rich to sacrifice for God!

There are three (3) levels of giving.

1. I have to...law. 2. I need to...obligation. 3. I want to...love.

4. Upon the first day of the week...(Calls for regularity).

Deuteronomy 16:16, 1 Chronicles 16:29

"Wake up, pray up, sing up, preach up, pay up, and never give up, let up, back up or shut up, until the cause of Christ is built up!"