









Haggai 1:6-7
You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.





God does not need our money. He owns everything.

Psalms 50:12
If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. (ref. Psalm 24)



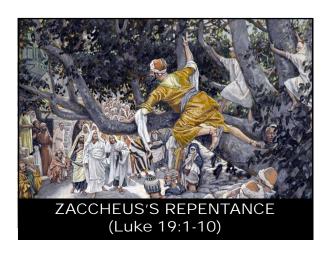
"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury."

The Lord closely watch our attitude in giving our offerings

"...this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on."

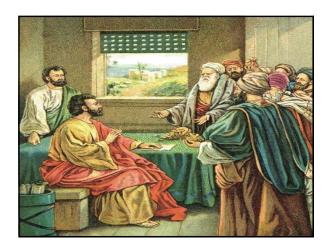
Give <u>everything</u> to God, not what is left of you

Kundisyon ng PUSO, hindi halaga ng PERA ang sukatan



Luke 19:8
But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Kailangang magbalik-loob din ang ating mga BULSA



EARLY CHURCH AND GIVING

Acts 4:32-34- "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales..."



2 Corinthians 8:1-7

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

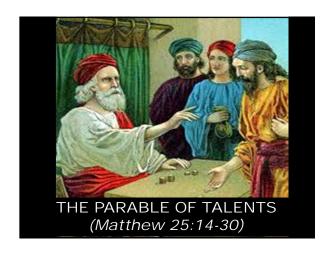
Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will...But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Initiate giving if a brother is in need

Give even in times of poverty!

Give beyond your ability

Giving is a <u>test</u> of sincerity of love



Matthew 25:14-15
Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another

two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

God is a GIVER, not a TAKER (ref. John 3:16)

We are given <u>different</u> <u>amounts</u> of resources according to our ability

God <u>expects</u> us to increase what He has entrusted to us.

Matthew 25:26-27
His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

There is no HARVEST unless something is SOWN!

2 Corinthians 9:6
Remember this: Whoever sows
sparingly will also reap sparingly, and
whoever sows generously will also
reap generously.

We must be FAITHFUL in being good stewards of God's resources

Matthew 25:23
His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

God provides us an ever-increasing amount of resources as we prove ourselves trustworthy and faithful

Matthew 25:29-30
For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Tithe-Phobia

Proverbs 11:24-25

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

We are being BLESSED to BLESS others!

