

BLESSED HOPE



BIBLE CHURCH

**Learning of Christ, Loving in Christ, Leaning on Christ, Living for Christ, Leading to Christ
Based on the Word of God**

A close-up photograph of golden wheat stalks, with the word "Giving" overlaid in a large, white, serif font. The wheat is in sharp focus, showing the texture of the grains and the long, thin awns. The background is a soft, out-of-focus field of similar wheat, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunrise or sunset, with a hint of a red flower or seed head visible in the lower left.

Giving

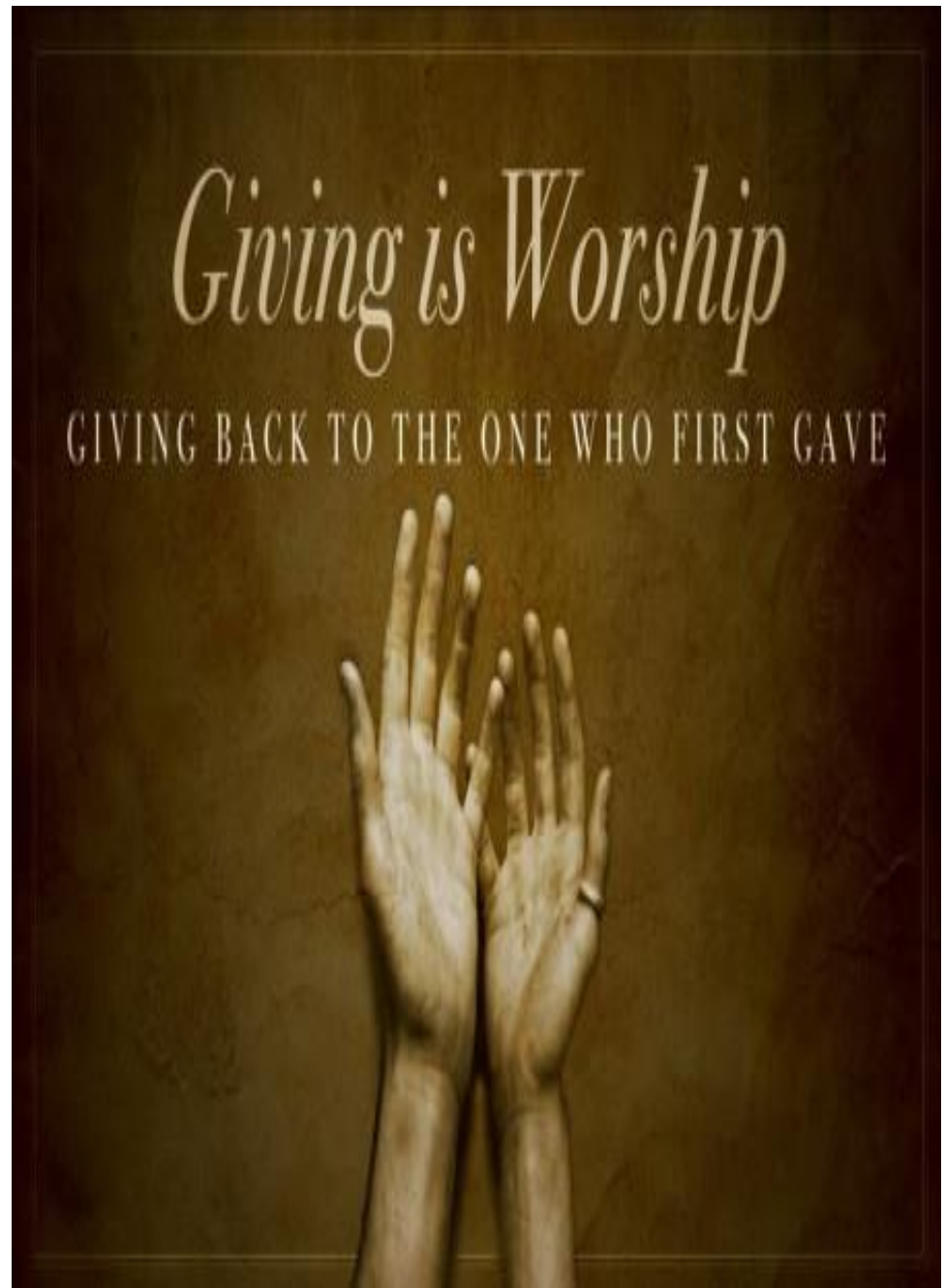
A SIGN OF DEVOTION

INTRODUCTION

- When the preacher preaches about giving many may get a bad attitude...
 - He is begging for money
 - He is manipulating us to give more money
 - He is trying to make us feel guilt
 - The church must be going bankrupt



- First, I want to thank all of you who have given to our church.
- Second, the church cannot run without money, however, the church does NOT exist just to collect money.
- Third, our faith and devotion to the Lord compels us to give to the Lord's work.



Question: What motivated David and his leaders to give so much for the temple of the Lord?

David

- He gave 3000 talents of gold (about 110 tons)
- He gave 7000 talents of refined silver
- He gave bronze, iron, wood, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance
- Note: This came out of his personal resources!

The Leaders

- They gave 5000 talents of gold
- They gave 10,000 darics of gold
- They gave 10,000 talents of silver
- They gave 18,000 talents of bronze
- They gave 100,000 talents of iron
- Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord

- Lesson: Our giving for the Lord's work is a reflection of our devotion to the Lord.
- From David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-19 we will look at three key principles that show how our giving can be a reflection of our devotion to the Lord



Principle #1:

Everything Belongs To God



- 1Chronicles 29:10-11
- The Praise of Men Belongs to God
- Everything In Heaven And Earth Belongs To God

- **The Implication:**
 - The very **nature** of God proves that all things belong to Him.
 - The very **work** of God proves that all things belong to Him
 - The very **authority** of God proves that all things belong to Him
- **The Application:**
 - Everything we have belongs to God.



Principle #2

Everything Comes From God



- 1 Chronicles 29:12-13
- **The Facts:** Wealth and Honor come from God
 - God is the Ruler of all things
 - God has the ability to exalt and give strength to all
- **The Response:** We give You thanks, we praise Your glorious name.

- **The Implication:**

- All of our wealth and possessions comes from God
- Our family and friends comes from God
- All of our honor, respect, fame, notoriety, recognition or acknowledgment comes from God.
- The strength and ability to do anything, become anything, or go anywhere comes from God

- **The Application:**

- Everything we are and have comes from God!!



Principle #3

Everything We Give Is Because of God



- 1 Chronicles 29:14-19
- We are able to give because You have given to us
- I personally have given willingly and with honest intent
- Keep Your desire in the heart of Your people

- **The Implication:**

- We give what God has given to us
- God has to bless us and give us the ability to give
- Our giving must always be with a right attitude

- **The Application:**

- Giving is the result of the work of God in our hearts



A Challenge for you

- Does your giving to the Lord's work reflect your devotion to the Lord?

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

If you have no devotion to the Lord, I encourage you to receive Him by faith

