

I Chronicles 29:9

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The right way to give to God is with a complete heart, willingly and joyfully, as an expression of love and gratitude.

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:9, 1 Chronicles 29:14, Psalm 116:12, Romans 12:6, 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the art of giving to God, highlighting that true giving should come from a complete heart and be done willingly and joyfully. He explains that God does not need our gifts, as everything belongs to Him, and the value of a gift is determined by the cost to the giver rather than the amount. Smith encourages believers to express their love for God through various forms of giving, including time, talents, and service, rather than just material possessions. Ultimately, giving is portrayed as an act of love and gratitude towards God.

Transcript

"GIVING TO GOD"

I. HOW TO GIVE TO GOD.

A. There is an art to giving. Listed as a gift of the Spirit in

Romans 12.

1. By the way some gifts are given, you want to say

"keep it, who needs it."

2. Some make a lot over giving little, some make

little over giving a lot.

a. I had an uncle who made offering us a piece of

candy out of a box seem like the Hope Diamond.

Never comfortable in his home.

B. There are various types of giving.

1. What we used to call Indian giving. Giving then later demanding it back.

2. Conditional giving.

a. Stipulation attached to gift.

b. 1st Baptist Church in Huntington Beach.

3. Forced giving.

a. Give him a piece of your candy.

4. Pressured giving.

C. "With a complete heart they offered willingly unto the Lord."

(verse 9.

1. This is the only way we should give to God.

2. This is joyful giving. "Then the people rejoiced."

3. "God loves a cheerful giver."

II. WHAT CAN I GIVE TO GOD?

A. Psalm 116 - "What shall I render unto Thee?"

1. God doesn't need a thing I have.

a. He existed quite well before I ever came along.

b. He will exist quite well after I am gone.

2. God is not broke.

a. He's not about to file bankruptcy.

b. He doesn't need you to bail Him out.

c. He is not depending on your support.

B. "Everything comes from Thee" (verse 14.

1. Look at the vast universe. He made it!

a. Where did all the gold & silver come from?

b. He could create golden galaxies.

c. Scientists speak of probability of diamond

galaxies.

2. Any material gift you may give to God, the material came from Him and He can create it in abundance, so as to make it common.

a. This is why He never measures the amount of a gift.

b. The true value is in the cost. What did it cost you to give?

1. Widow's mite.

C. "Of Thine own have we given to Thee."(verse 14.

1. Anything I give to Him already belongs to Him.

a. That's like having someone cut flowers out of your own garden to give you a bouquet.

E. Giving is then just an expression of love.

1. I am giving this to you God because I love you.

F. There are gifts other than material.

1. Time--giving God more time in your life.

2. Talents.

3. Service.

4. Heart.

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