



FIRST FRUITS

IN HIS STEPS 2015

Thoughts on Giving

We belong to God, it's logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Pray and Serve Others with your gifts to God

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach. Romans 12: 6-7

Help Others Stay on their Path to Christ with your Prayers

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Serve Others with Your Gifts

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Pray in the Spirit

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Many people go to their graves, with God's unplayed music still inside of them.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

God is always there to guide us

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Give to God what's right—not what's left.

Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you. Deuteronomy 16:17

Take Your Next Step!

Please pray over the Bible passages on the other side of this card and ask yourself... "Who receives the greatest benefit of such faithful giving?"

We who give do!

Our church needs to receive, but even more, we need to give! It's an important aspect of our spiritual life.

As those who follow Christ, we give:

- **Because we recognize that everything we have, we have received from God.** Giving is simply returning to God a part of what we are stewards of.

- **Because we are grateful.** It's important to us that we demonstrate our thankfulness through our generosity.

- **Because we need to remind ourselves "Who" is most important in our lives.** We need to put our money where our mouth is when we say our relationship with God is more important than the material things of this world.

- **Because we need to grow in faith.** Giving leads to faith even more than vice versa. When we give generously, our faith and trust that God will provide all we need grows.

Experience the blessings that God's Word promises to those who are generous with their time, talents and treasure. They may not necessarily be material blessings, but they will certainly be spiritual blessings – blessings of God's grace overflowing your life!

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