

## **Challenge**

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible says more about giving than heaven or hell.
- B. Our giving ought to be above and beyond what we give to the church.
- C. Text: II Corinthians 8.

II. Our giving is to start with giving ourselves to the Lord.

III. Our giving is according to what a person has.

IV. Our giving should not be affected by covetousness. (II Corinthians 9:5)

- A. There should be no compulsion or pressure.
- B. God loves a cheerful giver.

V. Every person should lay aside a tithe every week. (I Corinthians 1)

**Application questions:**

1. What element of biblical giving would you say is most neglected by the church today?

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2. How can giving be affected by covetousness? Explain.

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3. How will you commit to growing as a giver this week in a practical and provable way?

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