

Local Church



PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTION

When giving offerings the Bible talks about the principle of purpose, that we should purpose and decide in our heart what to give but the Bible also talks about a principle of proportion.

The Principle of Proportion

Deuteronomy 16:17 talks about giving 'according to the blessing' or according to our prosperity, which implies a proportional attitude toward giving. What capacity could be released for Gods kingdom if we gave our offerings proportionally to our blessing. In a percentage based system of offerings those who earn more give more and those who earn less give less; and those who earn nothing, give nothing and are considered truly faithful!

Ellen G. White says, "It was by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who gave His life for the world, that this plan for systematic giving was devised." She also says that if this plan is adopted, "the cause ... [of God] would no longer be dependent on the **uncertain gifts of impulse and vary according to the changing feelings of men**" (E. G. White, Counsels on Stewardship, pp. 66, 199, 200).

Consider this morning taking the time to prayerfully vow a percentage of your income for regular offerings in proportion to the way God has blessed you.

Appeal

God help us to be faithful
in all things.

Prayer

Take these tithes and offerings,
an act of worship in response
to how you have blessed each
and every one of use, Amen.

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