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***Back to the Basics:  
Giving to God***

Incorrect views of the relationship between money and spirituality (or godliness).

- God is obligated to bless you when you give
- God wants you to be healthy, wealthy and wise.
- Having money = God's blessing

There is a relationship between our USE of money and spirituality (or godliness).

*"The way we use our money is a barometer of our present spiritual condition" (Platt, Radical, 138).*

**Money and our love for God**

True spirituality is being motivated by our love for God.

*(1 John 3:17-18; James 2:14-17; Proverbs 19:17;  
1 Timothy 6:18)*

**Biblical Principles for Giving**

Remember that you don't have to be wealthy to be generous, and you don't have to be rich to be stingy (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

**1 Corinthians 16:2**

**Giving is for each person – "each one of you"**

**Giving is to be proportionate** – *“in keeping with your income”*

**Giving is to be in private deposit** – *“set aside a sum of money”*

**Giving is to be periodic** – *“on the first day of the week”*  
(Hebrews 10:25)

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Why do people think that churches are only in business “for the money”?
2. Why did Dr. Ryrie say that in contrast to Bible knowledge, long times of prayer and preeminence in service, the “use of our possessions shows us up for what we really are”?
3. Explain what John meant when he wrote that we should not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth (1 John 3:17-18).
4. Why do you think it is important for every believer to give to the Lord’s ministry? What might this show?
5. What does 2 Corinthians 9:7 mean when it says, *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”*?

Quotes from today’s message come from [\*Balancing the Christian Life\*](#), Charles Ryrie; and [\*Radical\*](#), David Platt.