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offering

2 Corinthian 8



Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their _____ . (2 Corinthians 8:1-2)

The offerings that we give to God are used in various ways for evangelization. Offering is not something that you give by force, but give willingly with a grateful heart. In old times, brethren of Macedonia church cared and helped other believers who were in more difficult situations than themselves by giving plentifully despite the severe poverty and persecutions that they faced. This sacrificial love that the brethren in Macedonia church demonstrated originated from our Lord Jesus who loved us by giving up His own life.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so _____ as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given you. (1 Chr 29:14)

Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils to the priest Melchizedek as a sign of fearing God who gave everything to Abraham. And Jacob had a dream on his way to Haran, and in that dream, he promised God that he would give one tenth if God gives what He had promised to give him. (Heb 7:4~7, Gen 28:10~22) Giving one tenth (tithes) does not mean that only one tenth belongs to God and the rest belongs to us. But it is a sign of acknowledging that all we have belongs to God and that we are fearful and grateful of it. Thus, practicing offering is a privilege and a duty as a born-again Christian. But if we do not tithe, we will be stealing from God (Mal 3:8, Ps 24:1) just as not paying taxes makes you a criminal.

Only a born-again Christian can truly acknowledge that all things such as the spirit, soul, body, all the material, and the talents came from God. We give all of these things to God with joy and use them to glorify Him and giving an offering is just a small portion of expressing our hearts to God as a born-again Christian. Furthermore, those who can be faithful to small things can be faithful to great things. (1 Cor 6:19-20, Luke 16:10).



Fellowship



01. Let's look up the meaning of "tithe" in the Bible. (Heb 7:4-9, Gen 28:20-22, Deut 14:22-23, Mal 3:8)



02. The offerings that we give are used for saving other lost souls. Find it in the Bible and write down what kind of situation Macedonia brethren were in when they gave plentifully. (2 Cor 8)



03. It is not a matter of how much you give for an offering. Then, how do we please God with an offering? (2 Cor 9:7)



04. There is a story of a poor widow who gave all her money to God in Luke chapter 21. This widow could have died of starvation or disease. Write down your personal opinion on this widow's offering.

Memory Verse(s)

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it, (Mal 3:10)



{ Looking back }

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