

## LESSON 5

### THE GRACE OF GIVING

**Introduction:** The responsibility of giving, no matter what you give, is the doctrine of "Stewardship". Basically it is what God gives to you for your needs and to give to others to meet their needs. **Note Luke 12:42**

#### A. The Sovereignty of God in Giving:

1. God owns all things:
  - a. By creative power. **Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1; John 1:1-3; Ephesians 2:10; I Corinthians 6:19,20.**
  - b. By pre-existence. **Job 38:4; Psalm 90:2; Colossians 1:17**
  - c. For divine purpose. **Colossians 1:16-18**
2. God gives all things:
  - a. A place to live. **Genesis 1:1; I Timothy 6:17**
  - b. A people to live on the earth. **Genesis 1:26**
  - c. A pardon to sinners to live forever. **John 3:16**

#### B. The Scripture and Giving:

1. Before the Mosaic Law, giving a tithe or tenth to the Lord was customary and was given in order to meet future needs. **Genesis 41:34.** This is a primary reason for giving. Note example in **I Kings 17:10-16**, and Paul's teaching on this in **II Corinthians 8:13,14.**
2. Under the Old Testament:
  - a. Demanded. **Leviticus 27:30**
  - b. Directed to:

(1) The priests. <b>Numbers 18:21</b>	10%
(2) The feasts. <b>Deuteronomy 14:22-24</b>	10%
(3) The least. <b>Deuteronomy 14:28,29</b>	10%
	30% total
  - c. Determined:
    - (1) Israel's blessing. **Deuteronomy 14:29**
    - (2) Israel's belief in God. **Malachi 3:8-10**
3. Under the New Testament:
  - a. Bidden to, and reasons for:
    - (1) The preachers. **I Corinthians 9:7-14**
    - (2) The poor. **Romans 15:25-27; I Corinthians 16:1-3**
    - (3) The promotion of the gospel. **Philippians 4:15,16.**
    - (4) The pleasure of God. **Hebrews 11:6; Philippians 4:18; Mark 12:41-44.**
  - b. Belief in the resurrection is revealed: **Hebrews 7:4-8**
  - c. Benefits and results: **Acts 20:35; Philippians 14:15-19; Luke 6:38; Examples: II Corinthians 8:14,15; II Corinthians 9:6-11**

### QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 5

1. The things that God gives to you to meet your needs and to meet the needs of others is called the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_. This definition is found in the Bible in Luke \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In the sovereignty of God in giving, God owns all things by \_\_\_\_\_ power, by \_\_\_\_\_ and for \_\_\_\_\_ purpose.
3. God gives all things on the earth. First he gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ to live; second, a \_\_\_\_\_ to live on the earth and thirdly, a \_\_\_\_\_ to sinners to live forever.
4. The Bible teaches that before the Mosaic law was given Abraham and Jacob both gave a \_\_\_\_\_ of their prosperity.
5. The Bible again teaches us in the Old Testament that giving of the tithes was \_\_\_\_\_ according to the book of Leviticus.
6. Under the Old Testament law the tithes were to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ and for the \_\_\_\_\_ and to be given to the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. This Old Testament giving by Israel determined their \_\_\_\_\_ and how much they \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
8. Under the New Testament we are bidden to give for the following reasons: to supply the need of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
9. When a New Testament Christian tithes or gives a tenth to the Lord's work, he is showing his belief in the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Concerning the benefits of giving and results the Bible says in Acts 20:35, "it is more \_\_\_\_\_ to give than to receive."