

Gospel-Shaped Giving

Expanded Scripture Handout to Accompany 1 Corinthians 16:1–12

Big Idea

Because Christ has given Himself for us, gospel-shaped love makes us available to help with our giving, our planning, and our support for others. In 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, Paul highlights three enduring principles of Christian giving: it is regular ('on the first day of every week'), proportionate ('as he may prosper'), and purposeful ('for the saints'). These reflect the broader pattern of Scripture from Israel's worship to the life of the early church.

Supporting Scriptures at a Glance

Principle	1 Corinthians 16	Supporting Passages	Biblical Truth (Summary)
REGULAR	16:2 — <i>'On the first day of every week...'</i>	OT: Ex 23:14–19; Ex 34:26; Lev 23; Lev 27:30–32; Num 28–29; Deut 12:5–7; Deut 26:1–15; Prov 3:9–10; Neh 10:32–39; Mal 3:8–10 NT: Acts 2:42–47; Acts 4:34–37; 1 Cor 9:13–14; 1 Cor 16:2; 2 Cor 8:10–12; 2 Cor 9:6–8; Gal 6:6; 1 Tim 5:17–18; Heb 13:15–16	Giving is woven into the rhythm of worship, both in Israel's life and in the early church.
PROPORTIONATE	16:2 — <i>'...as he may prosper.'</i>	OT: Ex 35:4–29; Lev 27:30–32; Deut 15:10–11; Deut 16:17; 1 Chron 29:1–9; 2 Chron 31:5–12; Ezra 2:68–69; Prov 11:24–25 NT: Mark 12:41–44; Luke 12:48; Acts 11:29; 2 Cor 8:3; 2 Cor 8:12–15; 2 Cor 9:7–11; 1 John 3:17	God calls for generosity in proportion to His provision—equal sacrifice, not equal amounts.

PURPOSEFUL	16:1 — ' <i>...the collection for the saints.</i> '	OT: Deut 14:28–29; Deut 15:7–11; Deut 26:12–13; Num 18:21–24; Neh 13:10–13; Prov 19:17; Isa 58:6–10; Ps 41:1 NT: Acts 4:34–35; Acts 6:1–4; Rom 15:25–27; Gal 6:10; Phil 4:14–18; 1 Tim 5:3–16; Titus 3:13–14; 3 John 5–8; 2 Cor 9:12–13	Giving is directed to God's people & mission, caring for the body and advancing the gospel.
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Putting It Into Practice

- Make giving a weekly worship rhythm (plan it; pray over it).
- Aim for proportionate generosity... start with a wise baseline (e.g., a tithe), and grow as God prospers you.
- Give purposefully: toward your local church, gospel workers, and real needs among the saints.
- Remember: God cares about the heart (2 Cor 9:7). He sees the widow's two coins (Mark 12:41–44).

This handout collects Old and New Testament passages that reinforce the principles of Regular, Proportionate, and Purposeful giving.