

given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bin.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

Bible verse of the week

Matthew 25:37-40

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

When we give to a higher purpose outside ourselves we are showing God that we can be trusted with what He has given us. We also show God that we trust that He will take care of our needs and we do not have to rely on Earthly things.

We looked at **Malachi 3:10** where it says that when we tithe, God will throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that we cannot contain it. It is the only place where God actually tells us to test Him in this promise.

We said that the 10% should come first, before other expenses, and God will take care of the rest. We also said that while the tithe is in Old Testament Jewish Law, it is still a good principle of God to follow today but is in no way tied to our Salvation, which is a gift. We should always give what is on our heart to give and not out of compulsion. When we Tithe, it should go to help support the Church as God meant for it to be used.

The second is **Offering** or 'seed' giving. Offering is anything given over and above the 10% tithe and can be given to various charities or ministries as we feel led to give. We looked in **2 Corinthians 9:6** where Paul tells us whoever sows seed sparingly will reap sparingly but whoever sows generously will reap generously. When we give offering we can watch the seed grow and enjoy the abundant harvest that is returned. We said that the more 'seed' we sow, the more 'seed' God supplies us with to sow.

The third is **First Fruits**. First Fruits giving is typically done once a year, with our first increase of the year, as a way of honoring and thanking God for all He has given. In Biblical times, First Fruits was literally the first fruits of the annual harvest. Today it could be different for each giver but it should always be putting God first in whatever it is. This one-time giving is also typically given to a specific charity or Church ministry.

Finally, we have **Alms** giving. Alms, meaning pity, mercy, or compassion, is simply giving to those less fortunate. As Jesus says in **Matthew 25:40**, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Alms giving is a personal act of grace toward those in need. It's our chance to show the same love and grace that God shows us. God blesses us to be a blessing to others. Alms should be given freely from the heart with absolutely no conditions or expectations of Earthly reward. God sees what is done in secret and will reward you as much as you give.

In **Matthew 6:1-4**, Jesus warns us to be careful not to practice our Alms giving to be seen and honored by men as we will have already received our reward from men, we will then receive no reward from God.

We said in all the ways of giving, the most important thing is that we give freely from our heart as the Holy Spirit guides us. As Paul says, in **2 Corinthians 9:7**, God loves a cheerful giver.

The greatest thing is that the more we give, the more God will provide for us in order for us to give more. We are truly blessed to be a blessing to others.

Upcoming Youth Events

More details to come

Every Wednesday - Join us for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions. Wednesdays from 7-8pm.

March 19, 2021 from 7-10pm - Save A Life Conference at LWA is a message of HOPE for those struggling with thoughts of suicide, anxiety, depression, sexual abuse & addiction by sharing the GOOD NEWS of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There will be live music, food, ministry, prayer, and a Q&A panel.

All 1 Youth Students and their friends in Grades 7-12 are invited to all events.

See you there!

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,

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