

A Good Giver



- **Financial woes can be tough to deal with.** When we are financially bound, it can be a heavy burden to carry. *Eccl. 10:19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things.*
- **When we lose jobs or encounter unexpected financial needs, we can become overwhelmed and anxious.** *Phil. 4:6 In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*
- **Money comes and goes, but we must never allow economic issues to cause us to lose focus on what is important to God.** *1Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

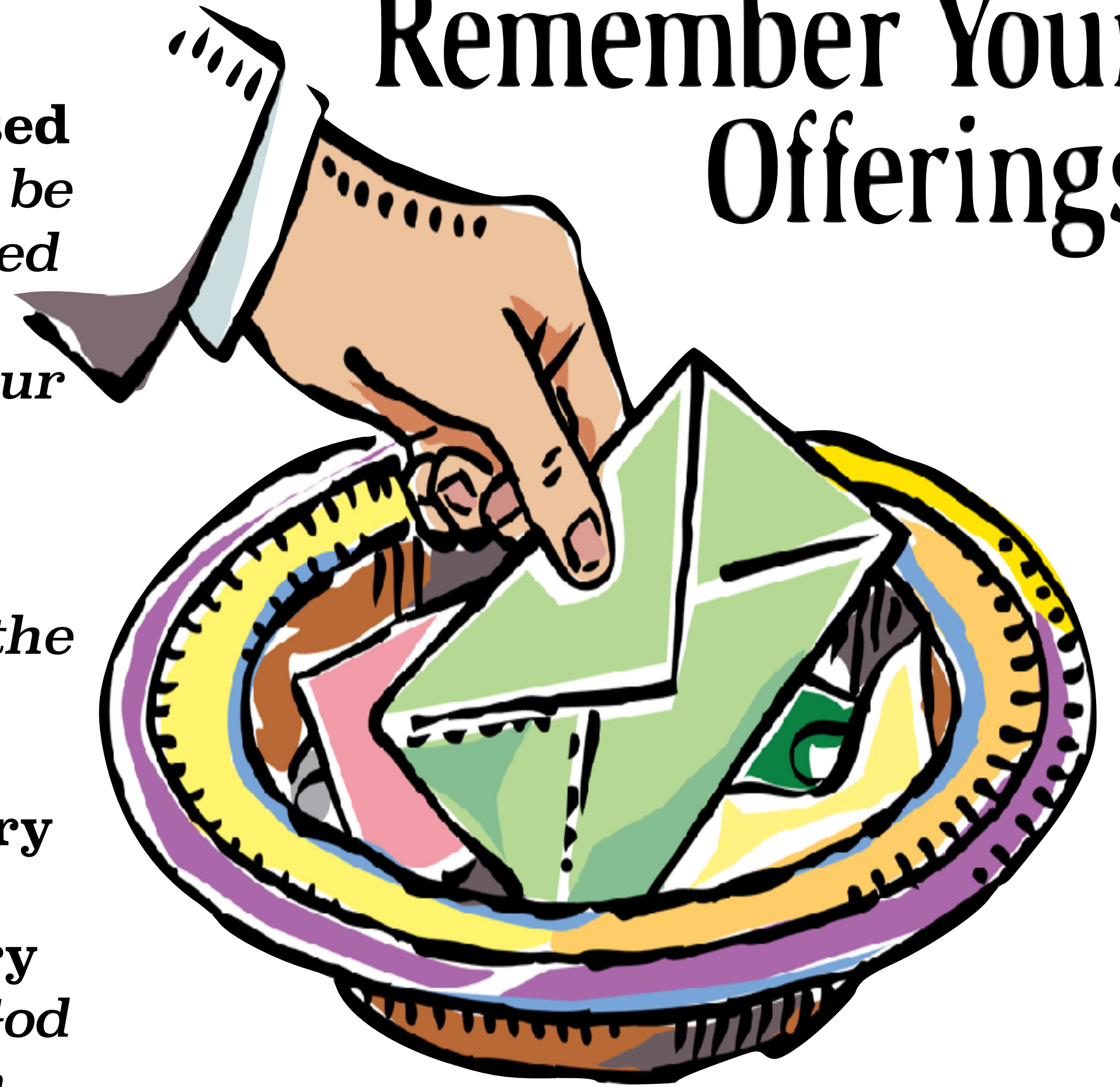




- **In order to give God our financial cares, we must make good decisions with our money. *Prov. 24:27 [Put first things first.] Prepare your work outside and get it ready for yourself in the field; and afterward build your house and establish a home.***
- **We cannot turn away from God to make questionable financial decisions and then turn back to Him for help when we fail. *James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.***
- **When financial woes are out of our control, we can give that to God. However, our own bad financial decisions belong to us and they can lead to terrible consequences. *Prov. 10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.***

- **The best way to ensure that our finances stay intact is by giving. Supporting ministry and giving to others will keep us financially blessed by God. *Luke 6:38a Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.***
- **The Bible says that by the measure that we give, that same measure He will give to us. *Luke 6:38b For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.***
- **It is selfish to receive from a ministry and not financially support it. This selfishness will hinder our monetary blessings. *Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.***

Remember Your Offerings





Financial worry is one of the worst forms of stress and burdens. It places strain on our relationships and our bodies! Some financial issues take us by surprise and are out of our control. But many times, those can be avoided when we put God's security measures in place. When we are givers, we store up blessings. These blessings come in handy when we are in need. Giving money, food, time, etc. to help our brothers and sisters that are in need, will guarantee you provision when you are in need. We reap, what we sow!

Giving to people that are in need is a Biblical principle that should be actively practiced by every believer. However, giving and helping others does not negate our responsibility to support ministry. The Bible is clear that we should support the ministry that is feeding us.

Giving is fellowship and it causes us all to do our part in forwarding the message that changes our lives. Giving to our ministry also ensures that when the enemy tests us financially, we are fortified financially because we have been faithful to give. Consistency is key, because it's not just about the amount that we give, but it's also about the manner in which it is given. Planning to give, consistently giving, and desiring to give, is cheerful giving.

2Cor. 9:5 So it seemed to me wise for the brothers to go before, and see that the amount which you had undertaken to give was ready, so that it might be a cause for praise, and not as if we were making profit out of you.

2Cor. 9:6 But in the Writings it says, He who puts in only a small number of seeds, will get in the same; and he who puts them in from a full hand, will have produce in full measure from them.

2Cor. 9:7 Let every man do after the purpose of his heart; not giving with grief, or by force: for God takes pleasure in a ready giver.

2Cor. 9:8 And God is able to give you all grace in full measure; so that ever having enough of all things, you may be full of every good work:

2Cor. 9:9 As it is said in the Writings, He has sent out far and wide, he has given to the poor; his righteousness is for ever.

2Cor. 9:10 And he who gives seed for putting into the field and bread for food, will take care of the growth of your seed, at the same time increasing the fruits of your righteousness;

2Cor. 9:11 Your wealth being increased in everything, with a simple mind, causing praise to God through us.

2Cor. 9:12 For this work of giving not only takes care of the needs of the saints, but is the cause of much praise to God;

2Cor. 9:13 For when, through this work of giving, they see what you are, they give glory to God for the way in which you have given yourselves to the good news of Christ, and for the wealth of your giving to them and to all;