

8. **Physically Breaking The Bread Before Distributing It** Some of us know of those who become apoplectic when the servers of the elements don't crush or shatter the dry, cracker-like unleavened bread into numerous bits and pieces before distributing it. Are they scripturally right to be so disturbed? They would argue, "Jesus broke it so we have to break it." The real question: Why did Jesus break it? In (Lk 22:17ff) Jesus "*took the _____, and gave thanks, and said, _____, and _____ among yourselves.*" It is logical that he meant for each one to drink some, then to pass it on to another to drink, etc. Isn't it equally logical (V19) that *when "he took _____, and gave thanks, and _____ it, and gave unto them"* it was merely to facilitate the distribution? _____ We recommend that you carefully study TPBS Lessons NO 76, 77, 79, 215 & 252, all of which relate to the Lord's Supper. ~Ed~
9. **More On Bread Breaking** Is it right or wrong for an able-bodied Christian to break off a piece of communion bread and place it in the mouth of an enfeebled elderly Christian? _____ Is it right or wrong to hold the fruit of the vine cup to their lips and tilt it for them so they can partake? _____ Should some spiritually demanded ceremonial value be attached to such a caring and compassionate act, or is it simply a matter of doing the right thing? _____
10. **Why Is Money Collected When The Lord's Supper Is Served?** We have been told it is (a) because a weekly contribution is a scripturally binding part of the worship service. Also, (b) that we place high value on using every moment of time efficiently and this is the most non-invasive and efficient manner in which to do it. Do you feel that this specific time is the only time that you can scripturally give? _____ Is it only custom, or by Bible commandment?
11. **The Special Collection Of The NT** Several scriptures deal with a special collection that Paul ordered late in his ministry. It was to be made by Gentile churches for needy Christians in Judea. (1 Cor 16:1-2) "*Now concerning the _____ for the _____, as I have given _____ to the churches of _____, even so _____.* Upon the _____ day of the _____ let every one of you _____ him in store, as God hath _____ him, that there be no _____ when I come." The same GK word (*logia*) is used for both (V1) "collection" and (V2) "gathering." In effect, Paul said collect it now so I won't have to wait for you to collect it when I arrive. This "order" by Paul was no doubt precipitated, at least in part, by the Apostles (Gal 2:9-10) and is identified in (Rom 15:26). It was a "one-time, one-of-a-kind" collection. We approve the practice of giving, but not as an item or act of the worship service. ~Ed~
12. **Recommendation** Place supervised collection vessels in the foyer, or any readily accessible place, so folks can make their "free will" offerings upon entry or departure from worship services. The phrase "*freewill offering*" occurs 9X-9V and "*freewill offerings*" 7X-7V KJV OT. In giving instructions for the Limited (Jewish) Commission (Mt 10) Jesus said, "*freely ye have received, _____.*" He emphasized giving of oneself, not money. Paul mentions appreciation of a freewill contribution (2 Cor 9:13) as "*your liberal distribution _____, and unto all men*" and (V7) that as the giver "*purposeth in _____ heart, so let him give; not _____, or of _____: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*" Tithing is not a NT mandate.
13. **The Intent Of Sharing The Lord's Supper** It is to mold Christian hearts together in grateful remembrance that "*God _____ the world, that he gave his _____ Son, that whosoever _____ should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" Reverent participation deepens our faith. It reminds us (1 Jn 1:7) that "*the _____ of Jesus Christ his Son _____ from all sin*" and that (Eph 1:7) "*we have _____ through his blood.*" Remember that (Rom 14:17) "*the kingdom of God is not _____ and _____.*"
14. **Be Reverent** Money collecting is distracting during the Lord's Supper and can easily lend wrong impressions. Remember that (Lk 17:21) "*the _____ of _____ is within you*" and (Heb 12:28) "*let us have grace, whereby we may _____ God _____ with _____ and godly fear.*" Let us all (2 Tim 2:22) "*_____ on the Lord out of a _____ heart.*"