

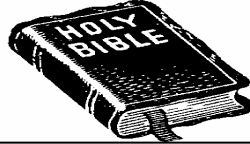
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## EXAMINING THE SUNDAY WORSHIP HOUR CONTRIBUTION

- Search The Scriptures** Luke records that the Bereans (Acts 17:11) “were more \_\_\_\_\_ than those in Thessalonica, in that they \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_ of mind, and \_\_\_\_\_ the scriptures \_\_\_\_\_, whether those things \_\_\_\_\_.” Paul exhorted Timothy: (1 Tim 1:4) “Neither give heed to \_\_\_\_\_ and endless \_\_\_\_\_, which minister \_\_\_\_\_.” He admitted (Gal 1:14) that he was “more exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of my fathers” before he became a Christian. We must separate Bible fact from cultural tradition.
- “God loveth a cheerful giver”** This statement (2 Cor 9:7) has been true since the ancient altars of Abel and Cain. (Heb 4:11) “By faith Abel \_\_\_\_\_ unto God a \_\_\_\_\_ excellent \_\_\_\_\_ than Cain.” We suppose that each gave cheerfully enough and that the quality of both offerings was equitable. Cain’s rejection wasn’t because he wasn’t cheerful in giving.
- God Approves & Demands Generosity** Paul commands the prosperous (1 Tim 6:18) to “do \_\_\_\_\_, that they be rich in good \_\_\_\_\_, ready to \_\_\_\_\_, willing to \_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 20:35) “I have showed you all things, how that so \_\_\_\_\_ ye ought to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and to remember the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_.” God’s Word doesn’t encourage welfare-dependent social doctrines.
- The Purpose Of Giving** Gifts are given out of appreciation, perceived duty, and even under duress. Many receive gifts that don’t need them. The Christian is exhorted to labor with his hands (Eph 4:28) “that he may \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to him that \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 3:14) “And let ours also \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ uses.” What kind of uses? \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Worship: Five Parts?** Many of us have been taught or otherwise learned that teaching, singing, praying, the Lord’s Supper, and a freewill contribution (ie: collection) constitutes *the five scripturally binding acts of the worship service*. Can we substantiate that a binding weekly collection taken on Pentecost or on subsequent Sundays thereafter in every church? \_\_\_\_\_
- What Is Recorded** (Acts 2:42) “And they continued \_\_\_\_\_ in the apostles’ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and in breaking of \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_.” Is a collection mentioned?
- The Special Collections Of The NT** Several scriptures deal with special collections and one ordered by Paul late in his ministry. It was by Gentile churches for the needy saints in Jerusalem. (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.”
- Collection** The GK *logia* is used for both (V1) “collection” and (V2) “gathering.” Paul said gather (ie: collect) it now so I won’t have to wait for you to gather (ie: collect) it after I arrive. This one-time special collection was precipitated by the Apostles (Gal 2:9-10) and is identified in (Rom 15:26). It was timely, needed, and good.