

7. **Jesus Tells *How To Treat One's Neighbors -- How To Give*** In (Lk 6) Jesus is explains that people in the world have many charitable traits, yet He calls them *sinners*. He says (V38) “Give, and it shall be _____; good measure, _____ down, and _____ together, and _____, shall men give into your bosom. For with the _____ measure that ye mete withal it shall be _____ to you again.” The principle that *good deeds engender good deeds* is usually true. Will the Christian ever “short” or “cheat” or “con” someone for monetary gain? _____
8. **Where Is The Christian's Greatest And Most Profitable Investment?** “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” Scripture? _____ Why? (V21) “For where your _____ is, there will your _____.” Our Savior asked (Mk 8:36), “For what shall it _____ a man, if he shall _____ the whole world, and _____?” A grand old hymn is titled *Heaven Holds All To Me*. Does it? _____ What have you laid up there? Are you willing to share your *spiritual riches* (Eph 3:8) as well as your temporal riches? _____ Do you?
9. **A Christian Must Be Compassionate And Ready To Share** (1 Jn 3:17-18) “But whoso hath this world's _____, and seeth his brother _____, and shutteth up his bowels of _____ from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us _____ love in _____, neither in _____; but in _____ and in truth.” Paul wrote Timothy to instruct wealthier brethren, “That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.” Scripture? _____ Do you give to relatives or to the needy?
10. **The Poor Widow's Contribution** Jesus watched a *poor* widow contribute to the temple treasury. She threw in two mites (two small coins probably worth less than a penny). Jesus used this occasion to teach his disciples. (Mk 12:43-44) “This poor widow hath _____, than _____ they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of _____; but she of her want did cast in _____, even all her living.” This woman sacrificed. She gave voluntarily. Unlike Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5), she had no ulterior motives. In each case the amount was up to the givers. Isn't that always the case with *free-will* Christian giving? _____
11. **Free Will Offerings** The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians concerning the collection for the needy brethren in Judea, laid down some valid principles in (2 Cor 9:7). (a) “Every man according as he _____ in his heart, so let him give.” (b) “Not _____.” (c) “Or of _____.” Why? “For God loveth a _____ giver.” Is the giver blessed if he gives grudgingly? _____ How is it *cheerful* to give (Acts 20:35)? _____
12. **What About Giving Into The Church Treasury?** It is highly recommended you study TPBS Lesson #79, The Sunday Worship Hour Contribution. Should the same *qualities* of daily Christian giving apply to *collective* giving? _____ We do not infer that the *needs* are the same. We mean the “how” and “why.” Sunday collections are shrouded by decades of cultural and traditional notions. It seems *ultimatum giving* may have reduced much of the real joy of giving. Should one give out of the love of God in his heart? _____ Is it probable that some give out of fear they will be consigned to Hell if they don't? _____ If you are converted to Christ you will want to give; you won't have to be frightened into doing it. How should one without a “fixed” income give?
13. **Alms: Ceremonial Giving? Heartfelt Giving?** (Mt 6:2-4) “Therefore when thou doest thine _____, do not sound a _____ before thee, as the _____ do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have _____ Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy _____ know what thy _____ doeth: That thine alms may be _____: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall _____ thee openly.” (Titus 3:14) “And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.” What kind of uses? _____ Why necessary uses? _____ Why should a Christian give? _____ Is this your motivation? _____