

**HOLY MAN IN UNHOLY SOCIETY:  
A study in I and II Corinthians  
AMEN Bible Study 2013-2014**

**Act Like Men!  
I Corinthians 16:1-24  
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**16:1-9 I. Give like men.**

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**A. Systematically**

*“Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.”*

cf. Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:25-28, 31

1. We are directed.
2. We give on the Lord’s Day.
3. We plan our giving.
4. We give as we have received.

**General Advice on Christian Giving**

The Christian is the eternal beneficiary of One Who emptied Himself of His great riches and became poor in order that we might become rich. (II Cor. 8: 9) Because he/she has been greatly loved, the Christian cultivates a cheerful, generous, sacrificial attitude and cheerfully plans his giving for maximum good in the Kingdom of God. The Christian should normally plan his giving one year ahead of time. His tithes and offerings to the church are an act of worship and, therefore, should be given to the Lord in the public worship services, as much as possible.

There are normally four objects of Christian giving: the church, para-church ministries, non-Christian charitable organizations, and non tax-deductible giving to individuals. Within the category of church giving alone, there are various designations at Second Presbyterian: general ministry fund, world missions fund, building fund, the 2PC Foundation, and designated gifts.

Here are several legitimate giving models for the Christian, from which you might choose:

**1. A Conservative Christian Giving Model**

The tithe is divided among:

General Ministry Fund (5%)	World Missions (2%)	Building Fund (2%)	2PC Foundation (1%)
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Giving beyond the tithe is divided among:

2PC Designated Gifts	Para-church Ministries	Non-Christian charitable causes	Personal gifts to those in need
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**2. A Recommended Christian Giving Model**

The tithe is divided among:

General Ministry Fund (7-9%)	World Missions (1-3%)
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Gifts beyond the tithe are divided among:

2PC Building Fund	2PC Foundation	2PC Designated Giving	Para-church Ministries	Non-Christian charitable causes	Personal gifts to those in need
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**3. An Aggressive Christian Giving Model**

The tithe is given to:

General Ministry Fund
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Another tithe is given to:

World Missions (3⅓%)	Building Fund (3⅓%)	Para-church Ministries (3⅓%)
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Other gifts divided among:

2PC Designated Gifts	2PC Foundation	Non-Christian Charities	Personal gifts
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## B. Carefully

*“And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.”*

cf. Acts 20:3-6

Our giving to non-church institutions should be planned annually so that we do not make the mistake of simply responding to “urgent” appeals. We should plan for a personal discretionary fund that allows personal gifts to be given as needs may arise. In giving to non-church institutions, we need to evaluate the agency in a number of ways: 1) mission statement of the organization; 2) accomplishment of stated mission; 3) caliber of non-family board members; 4) caliber of director; 5) statement of faith; 6) financial accountability; 7) base of donors and donor trends; 8) recommendations from knowledgeable people; 9) involvement of capable volunteers.

The most important principle, however, in all of our giving is to give out of a grateful and joyful heart seeking to bring praise and glory to God alone.

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## C. Personally

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### 1. Investing in people

*“I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not want to see you now just in passing, I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.”*

cf. Romans 15:24

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### 2. Exploiting opportunities

*“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me....”*

cf. Colossians 4:3, 4

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### 3. Tackling challenges

*“...and there are many adversaries.”*

cf. Acts 19:9, 23; I Corinthians 15:30-34

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## II. Partner like men.

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### A. Don't intimidate the timid.

*“When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.”*

cf. Acts 19:22; I Corinthians 4:17; I Timothy 5:23; Philippians 2:19-24

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### B. Don't impede the strong.

*“Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.”*

cf. I Corinthians 1:12, 13

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## III. Stand like men.

*“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”*

cf. II Samuel 10:12

Present active imperatives:

- vigilance
- constancy
- courage
- strength

**:14-24 IV. Love like men.**

*“Let all that you do be done in love.”*

cf. John 13:34, 35; Romans 12:9-21; I Corinthians 13; I John 4:20

**:15-16 A. Submit**

*“Now I urge you, brothers – you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints – be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer.”*

cf. I Thessalonians 5:12, 13; Hebrews 13:17

**:17-18 B. Honor**

*“I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, for they refreshed my spirits as well as yours. Give recognition to such men.”*

cf. I Corinthians 12:21-26

**:19-20 C. Connect**

*“The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”*

**:21-22 D. Focus**

*“I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!”*

**:23-24 E. Receive**

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.”*

cf. I John 4:10