

HOW TO GET MORE MONEY FROM GOD

LOVE - THE GOVERNING PRINCIPLE IN GIVING, AND SOWING & REAPING

The principle of love governs all kinds of giving to the LORD. Whatever Christians do, in fact, they must be constrained (pressured) by love for the LORD alone. In giving, love is measured according to the abundance offered. And the abundance is measured on the amount left at home or kept in the bank or stored in the safe. Even in tithing, giving is done in obedience to the commandments of the Lord, constrained by love alone.

Christians, taking their **first upward step**, show their growth in the grace of giving by giving the tithe of all. This shows that their love for the Lord is **WARM**. This is the standard love manifested (shown) by obedience. In **John 14:15** we read: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Christians who do not give "the tithe of all" to the Lord reveal the fact that there is no love in their hearts for Him, hence they are **COLD**. Giving to the Lord, short of the tithe, is love in its **LUKEWARM** state.

Revelation 3:16

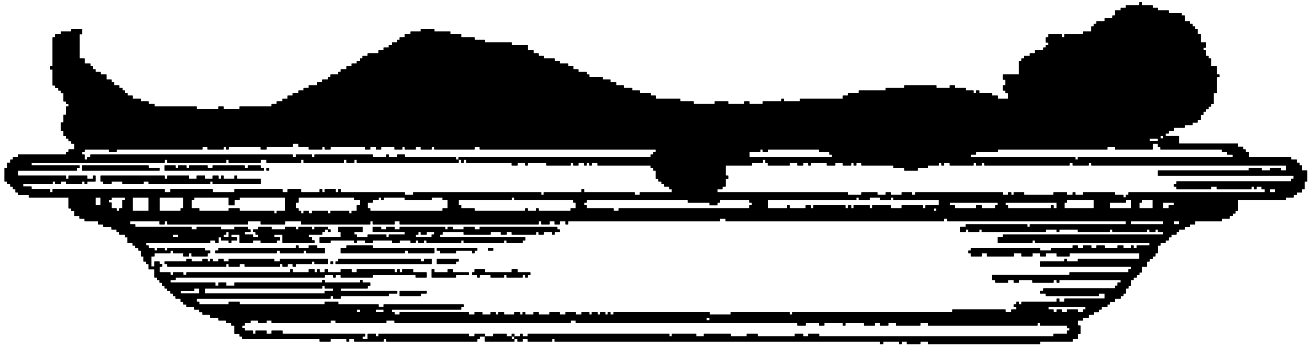
Christians taking their **second step** upward show further growth in the grace of giving (giving their love-offering taken from their 90% share) and show that their love for the Lord is **HOT**. They give cheerfully; and God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7,10,12**

This kind of giving causes many to love and glorify God. This **HOT** love is contagious, producing more love to God in other saints. This giving warms others; it is **HOTTER** than the first.

Christians taking their third step upward manifest perfect or mature growth in the grace of giving, by giving sacrificially. They show that their love for the Lord is **VERY HOT**. Their thermometer of love has risen to the fullness of maturity. Paul gives the example of the sacrificial giving of the churches in Macedonia in **2 Corinthians 8:1-8**

What grace is he talking about? The grace of sacrificial giving mentioned in **Verse 3** "...beyond their power they were willing of themselves."

2 Corinthians 8:5 “And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.



Yes, sincere love is proven in sacrificial giving. The term, "sincere" comes from the Greek word, "sincere", meaning, "without wax of mixture or adulteration". Love without mixture is sincere or pure.

God further promises in **Proverbs 3:9-10** "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

A note on first fruits: We are to give God's tithes before we pay other bills and buy other things.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

→ **The Law of SOWING AND REAPING** ←

Galatians 6:7-8 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

SOME FACTS ABOUT SOWING:

1. A man expects to reap when he sows.
2. A man expects to reap the same kind of seed that he sows.
3. A man expects to reap more than he sows.

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