

1 **FOUNDATION OF FAITH**

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“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come”
(1 Corinthians 16:2)

3 **I. UPON THE FIRST DAY**

- God must be first in our lives (Ex 34:14)
- God put us before His Son (John 3:16)
- Abraham put God’s will first (Gen. 22:2)
- Elijah and the widow (1 Kings 17:13,14)
- We must put others before ourselves (Rom 12:10)
- Put the Kingdom first (Matt. 6:33)

4 **II. OF THE WEEK**

- God requires consistent & regular offerings (Deut 16:16)
- Jesus was consistent in the synagogue (Luke 4:16)
- The early church was consistent (Acts 20:7)
- Mortgage lenders, car dealers, credit card companies all require us to be consistent and faithful with our payments

5 **III. LET EVERY ONE OF YOU**

- We must give collectively “let every one”
- We must give individually “of you”
- Israel was required to attend 3 major feasts: Feast of Unleavened Bread, Weeks, Tabernacles
- We must assemble (Heb 10:25)
- YOU MUST PARTICIPATE! (2 Cor. 9:7)

6 **IV. LAY BY HIM IN STORE**

- We must plan, budget, allocate what we offer to God
- Give like Barnabas gave (Acts 4:37)
- Don’t give like Ananias did (Acts 5:1-10)

7 **V. AS GOD HAS PROSPERED HIM**

- God has blessed you with a job, home, car, life, health, family, friends, salvation.
- Honor God (Prov 3:9)
- Our giving must be by faith (Rom 10:17)
- Melchizedec (Gen 14:18-20)
- Pharisee & Tax Collector
- The Widow
- Jesus is watching us
- Don’t rob God (Mal 3)

- 8 **VI. NO GATHERINGS**
- Spur of the moment offerings
 - Last minute offerings
 - No thought given to the offering
 - Shows a lack of love
 - Displays a lack of value toward God

- 9 **VII. MOTIVES FOR GIVING**
- We are stewards of God's property. (1 Chron 29:11-14)
 - The earth is the Lord's (Psa. 24:1)
 - The power to get wealth (Deut 8:11,17,18)
 - We are accountable (Matt 25:14-30; Rom 12:1)

- 10 **VII. MOTIVES FOR GIVING**
- Our Love for God
 - He is our creator and provider (Acts 17:24; James 1:17)
 - His love for us (Rom. 5:8; John 3:16)
 - Our Love for Christ
 - His sacrifice (2 Cor 8:8-9)

- 11 **PROVERBS 3:9**
- “Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.
So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine”

WILL YOU HONOR GOD?