

The Baptist Faith and Message

XII. Stewardship

BF&M Statement:

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others.

According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

- 1) Tithe – a good guideline for regular commitment
- 2) Offerings – irregular, mostly unplanned giving
- 3) Support of activities and ministries – for Christ!

Genesis 14 (v20);	Before Moses
Leviticus 27:30-32, 34;	Under Moses
Malachi 3:8-12;	Oft quoted, yes it's still true!
1 Corinthians 16:1-4;	NT continuation of practice
Acts 2:44-47;	Church wide example
2 Corinthians 8:1-5,	Example of Generosity (All of ch's 8-9)
Philippians 4:10-19;	Example of Generosity
Matthew 6:1-4;	Private motive for giving
Romans 12:1-2;	Sacrifice ourselves
1 Corinthians 4:1-2;	Trustworthy stewards