

GIVING VERSUS PROSPERING MATTHEWA.DANIEL.

The issue of the correlation between giving and prospering has been the cornerstone of the messages across many Pentecostal pulpits. Taking a snapshot of Christians in the last fifty years does not exactly give credence to the claims of many teachers who say that if we give we will prosper. I have tried to stick to the Bible in order to navigate this maze and clarify God's position on the matter as it concerns the church of the living God.

Giving does not necessarily mean prospering

A- You are not meant to do things publicly so others can see you. **Mat 6:1.**

B. You are advised to give cheerfully- **Rom 12: 7-8.**

C. You are to excel in giving as a duty to God. **2 Cor 8:7.**

D. You are supposed to give as gratitude in the name of Jesus. **Col3:17.**

E. The way you sow will determine how you reap. **2 Cor 9:7-8.**

Prospering has specific instructions

1. You must be born- again to qualify- **John 14:6. Gal 3:13-14.**

2 You are to meditate regularly on the word in order to do what it says.

Josh 1:8, John 14:23-24.

3. You are meant to give your Tithes to your high priest Jesus to engage a supernatural exchange. **Heb 7:7-8.**

4. You are implored to give to God with love not out of duty or compulsion. **2 Cor9:7-8, Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42.**

5. God will always give you more than you give up for the sake of the gospel. **Mat 19:29.**

6. God will repay what you give to the poor. **Prov 19:17.**

Faith is how you bring things from the realm of spirit to the physical.

Heb11:1, Heb 11:3, Heb 11:6

Faith works by love. **Gal 5:6.**

Giving is biblical and when done with the right heart, will yield increase in many ways. If you are giving and your heart is not right it will not yield the question is how are you giving and more importantly why. Many preachers have exploited

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the prosperity message and side-tracked the kingdom message which is more holistic and balanced with the focus being on how we can be like Jesus here on Earth and to rule and reign with him in all eternity. Many avaricious individuals have made their way into the church thinking it will be a short cut to their dishonest desires, even on the pulpit. Judgement will continue in the house of God and when the dust settles, only the called will be left standing. If you are poised to be blessed by God, then find out his ways and you will experience his hand. Shalom.



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**Word for the Month**

“ And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you...2 PETER 2:3A..

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