

**GSLC Family Devotional Notes**  
**“Method OF Giving!” 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Pastor Marty Brauer**

**1. What is THE method of giving God says I am to use when giving money to Him for His mission and ministry through this church?**

- **Give F \_\_\_\_\_ to God!**  
“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.” (Exodus 23:19)  
“And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God’s will.” (2 Corinthians 8:5)
- **Don’t give God the L \_\_\_\_\_!**  
“Now Abel kept the flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord...on Cain and his offering [God] did not look with favor.” (Genesis 4:2-4)
- **Give God the B \_\_\_\_\_! Live on the R \_\_\_\_\_!**  
“But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock...The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering”(Genesis 4:2-4)  
“Bring the best of the firstfruits...” (Exodus 23:19)

**2. How much does God say I am to give back to Him in using this method?**

- **In the Old Testament God requires \_\_\_\_\_%!**  
“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” (Leviticus 27:30)  
“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me! But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings...Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse” (Malachi 3:8,10)
- **In the New Testament God requires \_\_\_\_\_%!**  
“In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33)  
“Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.” (Mark 10:21)
- **God requires a P \_\_\_\_\_ and requires it F \_\_\_\_\_!**  
“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...” (1 Corinthians 16:2)

**3. What’s it going to take for me to be able to give to God in the manner He asks?**

- **L \_\_\_\_\_!**  
“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all...And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)
- **T \_\_\_\_\_!**  
“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:31,33)

“We give Thee but Thine own  
What ere the gift may be,  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.”