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1. Good – Tithe 10%

Gen. 14:17-20, ¹⁷ After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine.



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Gen. 14:17-20, ¹⁹ Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you.” Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.



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Gen. 28:22, And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me.



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2. Better – Tithes and Offerings

Deut. 12:11-12 ¹¹ you must bring everything I command you—your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, your sacred offerings, and your offerings to fulfill a vow—to the designated place of worship, the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored.



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2. Better – Tithes and Offerings

Deut. 12:11-12 ¹² “You must celebrate there in the presence of the LORD your God with your sons and daughters and all your servants. And remember to include the Levites who live in your towns, for they will receive no allotment of land among you.



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Matthew 23:3-6, ³ Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? ⁴ For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’



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Matthew 23:3-6, ⁵ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ ⁶ In this way, you say they don’t need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition.



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1 Tim. 5:8, 8 But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.



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Give Generously

2 Cor. 9:6, Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.



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Give Willingly

2 Cor. 9:7, You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”



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Give Sacrificially

2 Cor. 8:3-5, ³ For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴ They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. ⁵ They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.



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Give in proportion to what you have

2 Cor. 8:11-12, Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. ¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.



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Give where there is need

2 Cor. 8:14, Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need.



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Give regularly (1 Cor. 16:1-3)

Get angry (1 Chron. 21)

“I will not present burnt offerings that have cost me nothing!”



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2 Cor. 8:9, You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.