

# Covenant Commitment #3

## Love for the Church

### SESSION 1

#### SHOULD WE GIVE TO GOD TO GET FROM GOD?

##### The Problem Exposed and Explained

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 reveals that the principle behind the question is biblical but the application is not
- "God's constant resupply allowed them to continually give to meet the needs of other" – John MacArthur

##### Why should we Give to God?

- 1. Appreciation** (2 Corinthians 8:1-2)
  - "There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, 'I have to'; duty giving says, 'I ought to'; thanksgiving says, 'I want to'" – Robert Rodenmeyer
- 2. Imitation** (2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:15)
- 3. Revelation** (2 Corinthians 8:8,24)

##### How should we Give to God?

- 1) Sacrificially** (2 Corinthians 8:2)
- 2) Proportionally** (2 Corinthians 8:3, 11-13a)
- 3) Bountifully** (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- 4) Thoughtfully** (2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2)
- 5) Freely** (2 Corinthians 8:8, 9:7)
- 6) Cheerfully** (2 Corinthians 9:7, 8:2-4)

##### Recommended Resource



**John Piper -  
Christmas Joy vs.  
The Kirchensteuer**

*'...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said,  
'it is more blessed to give than to receive' .*

**Acts 20:35**