



FACT: YOU HAVE TO _____ TO _____.

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”
 Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

THE EARLY CHURCH THRIVED BECAUSE THEY WERE WILLING TO _____ SOMETHING _____ TO _____ SOMETHING _____.

GOD’S PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING

1. DECIDE TO _____ GIVING.

“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.”
 2nd Corinthians 9:6 (NLT)

2. DECIDE _____ TO GIVE (START WITH THE _____).

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.”
 Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

“I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly...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.””
 2nd Corinthians 9:5,7 (NLT)

3. _____ FOR GOD TO BE _____ WITH YOU.

“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”
 Luke 6:38 (NLT)

“God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.” For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.”
 2nd Corinthians 9:8-11 (NLT)

4. WE _____ SO OTHERS CAN _____.

“So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.”
 2nd Corinthians 9:12-14 (NLT)

“Jesus replied that the time had come for Him to return to His glory in heaven, and (said) that “I must fall and die like a kernel of wheat that falls into the furrows of the earth. Unless I die I will be alone—a single seed. But My death will produce many new wheat kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.”
 John 12:23-24 (LB)