

What worship should be offered to God when the church assembles on the first day of the week?

- Giving is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth
- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 8
- 2 Corinthians 9
- Philippians 4:10-20

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- Offered to God

- **Philippians 4:18-20**

- “a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God”
 - “now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen”
 - The gift Philippi collected and gave was a matter of worship and glory to God

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- Offered in spirit

- Gracious attitude

- Acts 4:31

- “and great grace was upon them all”

- They were filled with a grace in their hearts, much like Acts 5:11 “great fear came upon the whole church,” meaning they were had fear in their hearts

- Grace – favor in disposition, toward God, His work, His people

- 2 Corinthians 8

- “complete this grace in you as well” – v.7

- “see that you abound in this grace as well” – v.8

- “to travel with us with this *gift*” – v.19

- 2 Corinthians 9

- “who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you” – v.14

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- Joyfully

- 2 Corinthians 8:2
 - ‘the abundance of their joy’

- Liberally, bountifully

- 2 Corinthians 8:2
 - “the riches of their liberality”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6
 - “sow bountifully” vs. “sow sparingly”

- Freely willing, cheerfully, gladly

- 2 Corinthians 8:3
 - “they were freely willing”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - “not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver”

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- Offered in spirit
 - Purposefully, not by rote
 - 2 Corinthians 8:4
 - “imploring us with much urgency...”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - “as he purposes in his heart”
 - Unselfishly
 - 2 Corinthians 8:5
 - ‘but first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God’
 - In faith, trusting God
 - 2 Corinthians 9:8-11
 - “and God is able to make all grace abound toward you...for every good work...Now may He who supplies....supply and multiply...increase the fruits...you will be enriched....”

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- Love

- 2 Corinthians 8:8
 - “but I am testing the sincerity of your love...”

- Care, Concern

- Philippians 4:10
 - “your care for me...”
 - “you surely did care...”

- Desire to participate with, have fellowship in, the work accomplished by the funds

- 2 Corinthians 8:4
 - “the fellowship of the ministering to the saints”
 - Philippians 4:14-15
 - “you shared in my distress.....no church shared with me...but you only”

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- Offered in spirit
 - **With priority**
 - 2 Corinthians 8:5
 - “but they first gave themselves to the Lord...”
 - **With recognition of importance and with diligence**
 - 2 Corinthians 8:7
 - “as you abound in everything...in all diligence...see that you abound in this grace also”
 - **With honesty**
 - 2 Corinthians 8:8
 - “the sincerity of your love”

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- Offered in spirit
 - As a disciple of Christ
 - 2 Corinthians 8:9
 - “...our Lord Jesus Christ”
 - Contributing to the glory of God
 - 2 Corinthians 9:12-15
 - “...many thanksgivings to God....they glorify God...”

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- Offered according to truth
 - According to 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, let us consider these questions:
 - When were they to give?
 - Who was instructed to give?
 - Why were they to give as Paul instructed?
 - What was to affect the amount they give?
 - How were they to give – what was to be the attitude behind the giving?

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- Offered according to truth
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
 - Periodic
 - “on the first day of the week”
 - Personal
 - “each one of you”; c.f. 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - Provident
 - (“making or indicative of timely preparation for the future”)
 - “that there be no collections when I come”
 - Proportionate
 - “as he may prosper”
 - Luke 21:1-4 – our giving related to our character
 - Question: Would we want the Lord to prosper us according to our giving?
 - Propitious (“favorably disposed toward someone”)
 - “...to bear your *gift* to Jerusalem”
 - Contrast each of these truths to methods and approaches used today in various religious groups