

Giving on the first day of the week is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- 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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 - **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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 - 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