

The Christian and God's Money

Giving in the New Testament

In the Old Testament

- Giving had a material function. There is clearly a spiritual aspect to the offering, but the use was for material things
- And a spiritual function

The same is true in the NT

- Except—we no longer relate to God spiritually through animal sacrifices and food offerings.
- In the Old Testament, you demonstrated your faith by offering the sacrifices God commanded—with a sincere heart.
- Now, we demonstrate faith by trusting the work of Christ. Hebrews 10.1-10
- But even financial gifts have a spiritual element. Philippians 4.10-19

The NT addresses the use of offerings for “material” purposes—like paying pastors

- I Corinthians 9.3-14
- In which Paul uses the Law as evidence
- And says that this is the Lord’s doing. 9.14
- The word “ordained” means appointed, or commanded
- Where did the Lord command this?
- Matthew 10.5-10

And helping the needy

- Acts 11.28
- Romans 15.26
- II Corinthians 8.1-6
- I Timothy 6.17-18
- James 1.27

And advancing the Gospel

- Romans 15.24. “Brought on my way” includes the idea of equipping someone for their journey.
- Philippians 4.10-19
- III John 1.5-8