

(1) Why do you think Christians so often put the subject of monetary support of the local church in a separate category? Why is it treated as if it were untouchable and unmentionable? What is it about money and our relationship to it that makes it such a delicate topic to discuss openly?

(2) Do you believe it is possible for a Christian to consistently refuse to generously support the work of the ministry and still flourish spiritually and be pleasing to God? If so, defend your answer. If not, why not?

(3) Paul speaks not only in Galatians 6 but also in 2 Corinthians 9 about the principle of sowing and reaping when it comes to financial giving. How does this not support the so-called “prosperity gospel,” the idea that if we will give a lot we’ll get a lot in return? Read 2 Cor. 9:8, 10, and 11 for an answer. Why does God promise to supply us abundantly if we would only give abundantly?

(4) What is your current practice when it comes to giving? Do you think 10% is a standard that should apply to all Christians? If not, why not? What is the difference between percentage giving and proportionate giving?

(5) What is the difference between giving to God out of one’s first-fruits as over against giving to God out of the left-overs? Is this an important thing to consider? Why?