

**GRACE
BIBLE
CHURCH**

— *Lorton* —

**Unworthy of Your grace
I come before Your face
Oh, Thou sacrificial Lamb
Great Son of the Great I Am
I bring everything I am to You
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison
Christe, Christe eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie, look with love
Now upon Your own
And have mercy, mercy, mercy**

***Kyriakon* – Belonging to the Lord**

The church is a gathering of the Lord's people; an assembly that belongs to Him.

Three Motives For Giving Back to the Lord's Church

**Gratitude for all that God blesses us with through
His church,
Stewardship to wisely use all that God supplies, and
Love for God and for His people.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in everything; for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 Now the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will also provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Giving to others becomes a kind of thank-offering to God that multiplies itself. We thank God for what we have received; others thank God for what they have received from us.

David Garland

Luke 12:48 From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be expected.

1 John 4:7-11 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

1 John 4:17-19 In this, love is made complete with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world.
¹⁸ There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears is not complete in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:20-21 If anyone says, “I love God,” and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister.

Matthew 6:19-21 **“Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.

Giving out of obligation shows off how obedient *we* are. But giving with joy (or with “cheer” [2 Cor. 9:7]) glorifies God. When we gladly part with our money in order to follow Christ, it proclaims how good and worthy He is.

Jamie Dunlop

Colossians 3:1-2 So if you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the
right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above,
not on earthly things.

2 Corinthians 8:7-9 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace. ⁸ I am not saying this as a command. Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

**Proverbs 23:4-5 Don't wear yourself out to get rich;
because you know better, stop!**
**⁵ As soon as your eyes fly to it, it disappears, for it
makes wings for itself and flies like an eagle to the
sky.**

Matthew 22:37 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

As I see all that God has graciously done for me through His church, and continues to do, why would I dare to negotiate over just how much of my life He deserves? Why would I ever look for a maximum percentage that I can give to God in time and treasure, and still feel good about it? It's all His.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received instruction from us on how you should live and please God—as you are doing—do this even more.

2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him.

Start – Prayerfully ask God for help to begin serving and/or giving.

Grow – Periodically evaluate God's provision to see if there's room to increase in your giving and/or serving.

Cultivate – Patiently help others grow in these disciplines and testify to them of how He has nurtured your growth.