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***5 Principles of Faithful Giving***

In 1 Corinthians 16:2, give us five principles that give us a picture of what a faithful life looks like when it comes to giving offerings:. It says simply this:

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should put aside something that and store it up as he may prosper, so there will be no collecting when I come.”

Our church observes 5 principles of faithfulness that come from this simple passage of scripture. The first one is that all of can participate, who are earning income or wages in some way. We might be earning income from selling stuff at the markets or we might be earning a wage from somewhere. But each of us that are earning and receiving some kind of income from Christ can participate in this plan.

The second principle is the concept of priority. There is this sense of when we receive income; we put aside our tithes and offerings immediately.

The other principle that come across is the principle of planning. There is this clarity that things are planned rather than just this adhoc of opening your wallet or purse on Sabbath and seeing how much you have to contribute.

The fourth principle, is this concept of percentage, that we give on the our prospering, that we determine in our hearts what to give as offering as a percentage based on what God is doing in our lives in our faith and courage.

And the other principle that we see, is that this becomes a pattern in our lives that we are not driven by promotion or emotion from a particular project or appeal rather we give by pattern.

These are the principles that reflect a faithful life when it comes to giving offerings.