

## Donation (Offering; Gift) Luke 21:1,4,5<sup>1</sup>

**God the creator from nothing doesn't need human money because He gives "all things" to us, but wants human heart to love God rather than money. To Donate is mere a piece of evidence for the heart.**

**Therefore, your most love of God the beginning may be expressed with a donation the end, regardless of direct, mail, or online ways (Acts 17:25; Mat 6:24; 1 Tim 6:10).**

**Note a donation button on websites or an offering box in a church service through CCAH is a way to express a donor's love for God by willing donation according to the Scripture, not a set fund raising for an issue of the Lord's church (Mat 16:18; John 21:15; 2 Cor 8:12).**

Five (5) Issues	Explanations	References
(1) Toward God	To God/heaven; Not to men -- No commercial activity between men; Only between you and God	<i>Isaiah 55:1; Mat 21:12-13; Luke 12:15, 21; Mat 6:20<sup>2</sup></i>
(2) Ready Heart	Heart to love God 1 <sup>st</sup> & best; Freewill/Cheerful Heart; not grudged/ forced "of necessity"/ flattered/ callous heart	<i>Deu 16:10; Mat 22:37-40; 2 Cor 9:7; Isaiah 1:10-20<sup>3</sup></i>
(3) Offering	A tangible thing/money as a token of heart	<i>Mat 6:21; Luke 12:34<sup>4</sup></i>

<sup>1</sup> *Luke 21:1,4,5<sup>1</sup>* And He looked up and saw the rich putting their **gifts** into the treasury, <sup>4</sup>for all these out of their abundance have put in **offerings** for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." <sup>5</sup>Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and **donations**, He said,

<sup>2</sup> *Isaiah 55:1* Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price; *Mat 21:12-13* Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves'"; *Luke 12:15, 21<sup>15</sup>* And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." <sup>21</sup> "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."; *Mat 6:20* but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>3</sup> *Deu 16:10* Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you; *Mat 22:37-40* Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is *the* first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."; *2 Cor 9:7* So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver; *Isaiah 1:10-20* Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorrah: <sup>11</sup> "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. <sup>12</sup> "When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? <sup>13</sup> Bring no more **futile sacrifices**; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. <sup>14</sup> Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing *them*.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup> But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

<sup>4</sup> *Mat 6:21* For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also; *Luke 12:34* For where your treasure is, there your

(4) Reward	By the size of heart, not the size of offering, measured from God's provision	1 Cor 3:13-15; Luke 21:3-4; Luke 7:38, 47 <sup>5</sup>
(5) Tithe	The 10% of whatever income, first to God, where every natural man is fraudulently possessed via Adam by the devil, mandatory in OT; in NT, recommendatory for God's glory where every Christian 100% is repossessed via Jesus by God.	Mal 3:18; Luke 4:6; 1 Cor 15:56-57; 1 Cor 6:19-20; Luke 11:42; Mat 23:23 <sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> 1 Cor 3:13-15 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire; Luke 21:3-4 So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; <sup>4</sup> for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."; Luke 7:38, 47<sup>38</sup> and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

<sup>6</sup> Mal 3:18 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings; Luke 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish; 1 Cor 15:56-57 The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; 1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's; Luke 11:42 But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone; Mat 23:23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.