

Deacon's Beacons

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Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Many churches seem to want to follow the Mosaic Law which requires a tithe or one-tenth of one's earnings. But St. Paul seems to be saying that even in giving, we should not be under the Law. We should be supporting our churches and houses of worship but how we do that probably differs person to person. Only you know what you can afford and what begins to take away from the support you owe your family. Robbing Peter to pay Paul (or probably more appropriately in this situation, robbing Paul to pay Peter) is not what God wants us to do. We are given responsibility based on the blessing that God has bestowed upon us. We should be giving as we see that we are able with a glad and thankful heart, If we are doing that, there is no better measure of cheerful giving.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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