

# Loving the Lord and His People

## #1 Giving to His Purposes Generously (Verses 1 – 4)

**Act 20:35** In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

- The **Priority** of Giving
  - **Verse 1** - “as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.”

### **Proverbs 3:27 - 28**

**27** Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

**28** Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

- The **Possibility** of Giving
  - **Verse 2** - “each of you is to put something aside”
- The **Proportionality** of Giving
  - **Verse 2** – “each... as he may prosper”
- The **Practicality** of Giving
  - **Verse 2** - “On the first day of every week” and “store it up”

## #2 Practicing Hospitality Joyfully (Verses 5 – 12)

### **Romans 12:11 – 13**

**11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

**12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

**13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:9** Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

## #3 Remaining Faithful Courageously (Verses 13 – 14)

Act like men(andrizomai): be brave and show yourself to be men

**Joshua 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”



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### **#4 Honoring Faithful Servants Heartily (Verses 15 – 18)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:12 – 13a**

**12** We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

**13a** and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

### **#5 Caring for the Church Globally (Verse 19)**

**Galatians 6:10** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### **#6 Greeting One Another Affectionately (Verse 20)**

**Acts 20:36 – 28**

**36** And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**37** And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him,

**38** being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

### **#7 Awaiting His Return Eagerly (Verses 21 – 24)**

Our Lord, Come! (*maranatha*): from Aramaic

**Revelation 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

