

## GOD CARES HOW WE GIVE

Ever since the twelve apostles began spreading the gospel of Christ, Christians have regularly given money for the work God assigned to the church in that place. For example, in Jerusalem, Christians laid money at the apostles' feet (Acts 4:37). The apostles made sure the funds were given to disciples in need (Acts 2:45; 6:1). I recently was told of a church giving televisions away for "perfect attendance"! That is sinful for the same reason instrumental music in worship and cannibalism are sinful (read Bible articles on these subjects at our website, **[WWW.QVCOG.COM](http://WWW.QVCOG.COM)**).

Christians were taught to give as they prospered and purposed in their heart on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7). The New Testament does not record even one Christian tithing. Tithing, like incense, animal sacrifices, and Sabbath, was taught to Israel, not Christians. Churches who demand tithing are binding laws God does not bind.

Do you notice churches constantly asking for money or engaged in business (selling food, CDs, t-shirts,...)? You will never notice that in the Bible. In God's way, churches are equipped for their work by Christians who give as they prosper. God teaches us about giving—have you learned?