

**Sermon Notes**  
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**“FOUR TESTS FOR OUR GIVING”**  
(Nehemiah 1:2-11)

**Introduction:** These tests apply to **{ALL}** requests, eras, and circumstances.

**I. WE SHOULD GIVE {INTELLIGENTLY}**

\*II Corinthians 8:12    \*II Corinthians 9:7    \*Deuteronomy 16:17    \*Acts 11:29

\*Proverbs 3:27-28    \*Luke 14:28-30    \*II Kings 4:1-2    \*Mark 6:35-44

**Note:** Use this time to up-date your **{BUDGET}**? What can I **{AFFORD}** to give?

**II. WE SHOULD GIVE {PRAYERFULLY}**

\*II Corinthians 9:7-8    \*I Chronicles 4:10    \*Ezra 8:21-23    \*Colossians 3:15-17

\*Nehemiah 1:2b-11    \*Psalm 44:3

**Note:** The Spirit of God will never lead someone contrary to the **{WORD}** of God nor the **{WILL}** of God!

**III. WE SHOULD GIVE {BELIEVINGLY}**

\*Malachi 3:10-12    \*II Chronicles 16:9    \*Ephesians 3:20-21    \*II Chronicles 20:3-9

**Note:** Whenever a believer obeys the Word of God and the Spirit of God, they can **{EXPECT}** God to act!

**IV. WE SHOULD GIVE {CHEERFULLY}**

\*II Corinthians 9:7    \*Exodus 25:2    \*I Chronicles 29:13-17

**Conclusion:** **{ALL}** our giving should be guided by these four tests. God is far more concerned about our **{HEART}** than our gifts (Psalm 50:10-15)!

**Note:** Our Pastor and Stewardship Committee desire for every member of GBC to take a Commitment Card and spend these next two days fervently seeking God's leadership. Next Sunday, we will dedicate these commitments during the invitation.