

## **DAY THREE**

### **How does my church make it financially?**

**PRAYER** - Father, will You help me to be faithful in supporting my church with my tithes and offerings. I spend money on everything else. Help me to make giving a part of my Christian life. Besides, You gave the greatest gift of all for me, Jesus. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**WORD** - Read 2 Corinthians 8:7. *“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”*

We are to grow in every area of our Christian life. We are to excel according to this passage. That means we are not to be regular Christians who just go and sit and listen and take. We are to go and grow and participate and give. You have probably heard it said that you should give your time and talent and tithe to the Lord. Tithing is giving 10% of your gross income to the Lord through your local church. 10% is the starting place for a Christian to give. We should excel which means we should give more. When you give you are allowing God’s grace to bless others through your gift. Your church is blessed because you are helping provide for salaries and the regular budget expenses of the church but it goes way beyond that. You are blessing the world because your church passes a percentage of that money on to missionaries and other organizations that spread the Gospel around the world. Because of your faithfulness in giving your church makes it financially. Thanks for making a difference.

**CHALLENGE** – If you are not in the habit of tithing and giving start this week. I would encourage you to give at least 10% of your money from your job or allowance to the Lord through your local church. Make this a habit in your life. Set that money aside first right when you get it. That way you are making sure that you can be faithful in this grace of giving.