

WHY PEOPLE FAIL TO GIVE

# 710.85 per Sunday average  
During February  
ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING  
MAY BE INVOLVED.

1. THEY MAY LACK TEACHING.

1. *Pointy items, please remember*

1. Generally we are what we have been taught to be.
  1. Religiously, you are what you are because you have been taught that.
2. One may <sup>be</sup> a liberal giver or a stingy giver: depending upon his teaching along the way.

2. Some may be rebellious toward God.

1. God's law teaches giving. 2 Cor. 9:7. The person who understands this and <sup>not</sup> obeys in keeping with his ability is in rebellion to God.

3. SOME ARE RELIGIOUSLY LOPSIDED

1. He is certain that that the alien sinner must obey Acts 2:38.
2. He is certain that one must observe the Lord's Supper properly...but somehow he does not feel that it is necessary to obey the command to give. 1 Cor. 16:2
3. He just does not understand such scriptures as Gal. 3:10: Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.  
James 2:10: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
4. We can understand this in civil law. But we are not so ready to understand it in God's law.

4. SOME LACK FAITH

1. We show our faith by our works, rather than by our professions. James 2:18: Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

5. SOME FAIL BECAUSE THEY LOVE MONEY

1. The love of money is the root of evil. 1 Tim. 6:10
2. The covetous cannot inherit the kingdom. 1 Cor. 6:10

6. SOME FAIL BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR INVESTORS

1. You cannot take your money with you. Matt. 6:19-20  
Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

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