



#2 “THE FIRST RUNG ON THE LADDER”

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Sermon Notes

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35b

The first Rung on the Generosity Ladder is GIVING AN INITIAL, INTENTIONAL, AND IDENTIFIABLE GIFT TO GOD

I. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

“Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the first day of every week each one of you should set aside a sum of money...

We Climb the Generosity Ladder by GIVING REGULARLY

Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. *Proverbs 3:9-10*
MSG

II. 1 Corinthians 16:2

² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

We Climb the Generosity Ladder by GIVING PROPORTIONALLY

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” *Luke 21:1-4*

III. 1 Corinthians 16:3-4

³ Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.”

We Climb the Generosity Ladder by GIVING ACCOUNTABLY

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:16-17 ESV