

## Being Responsible with Our Offerings

Genesis 4:3-8

*“Because Abel had faith, he offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. God was pleased with him and his gift, and even though Abel is now dead, his faith still speaks for him.”*

Hebrews 11:4 (CEV)

We can give of our POSSESSIONS	what we have
We can give of our PRAISE	what we say
We can give of our PERFORMANCE	how we act

*Cain tells us what we CAN'T do; Abel tells us what we are ABLE to do.*

### SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF A RESPONSIBLE OFFERING

#### 1. God wants me to give my \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And he gave a **tithe** (1/10, or ten percent) of all.”*

Genesis 14:20 (NKJV)

*“The **FIRST of the firstfruits** of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.”*

Exodus 23:19 (NKJV)

#### 2. God wants me to give my \_\_\_\_\_.

*“All the **BEST** of the oils, all the **BEST** of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits which they offer to the Lord...”*

Numbers 18:12 (NKJV)

#### 3. God wants me to give in an act of \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.”*

Hebrews 11:6 (CEV)

#### 4. God wants me to give in an act of \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Seth had a son whom he named Enosh. It was then that people began **using the LORD's holy name** in worship.”*

Genesis 4:26 (GNB)

#### 5. God wants me to give \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Each one, as he purposes in his heart, let him give; not of grief, or of necessity, for God loves a **CHEERFUL** giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

*“For the love of money is the source of all kinds of evil...”*

1 Timothy 6:10 (GNB)

### THREE TEMPTATIONS WE ENCOUNTER WHEN WE GIVE

1. We get angry at God
2. We get jealous of others
3. We act on our anger and bitterness

#### 6. God wants me to give \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth?”*

Luke 16:11 (GNB)