

# The Gift of Giving.

*1 Corinthians 16:1-2*

Introduction: In 2014 Aaron Harrison hit a three point shot for Kentucky that beat Michigan in the Midwest regional finals of the NCAA tournament.

Result of individual work, team work, and his performance.

Our giving in church is result of

Individual work: wrong reasons: brag, buying church, mindless

Team work: Great things accomplished by the church

Performance: This is an opportunity

**I. Planned** On the first day of the week

A. Commanded: 1 Cor. 16:1. Ordered by Paul as he did in Galatia  
But its really an opportunity, 2 Cor. 9:7

B. The first day of the week.

Not only time to give, but this is command/worship

Don't be haphazard with it. Plan and think it out

**II. Personal** Let each one of you set something aside

A. God doesn't need your money, Ps. 50 cattle is mine  
It will happen with or without me

B. But how real is my religion?

Do I sacrifice to God? 2 Sam. 24:24

Do I believe in the mission? Mk 16:15

Am I owned by stuff or God? Luke 12:20 rich fool

**III. Placement** Storing up

A. Store: Greek Thesaurizon. Put into a treasury  
Apostles had this: Jn 12:6, 13:29

B. Everett Ferguson

1. Common day means group action

2. Follows Jewish actions

3. Logeia (collection) is public action, not private

4. Admonition to complete it means public

5. Private gift makes no sense here

C. Word fellowship means money in NT Kononia means sharing

Acts 2:42 continued in Apostle's fellowship

2 Cor. 8:4, Heb. 13:16, Gal. 6:6 (supporting preachers)

**IV. Participation/Proportion** As he may prosper

A. How much should you give?

10% 30% God doesn't give a number

Some even gave beyond their ability, 2 Cor. 8:3

B. God's view of equality is proportion to ability

Mt. 25 Parable of Talents: much given, much required

Luke 21 widow gave two mites

Back to tournament: Everything is faded: have you made the goal?