





### ? DISCUSSION – CHAPTER 4 - THERE ARE NO RULES (continued)

Did you know that the Israelites in the Old Testament had many offerings where they determined what and how much to bring? (See Deuteronomy 12:6,11 for a partial list of the various gifts they were to bring).

- Now look up and read Deuteronomy 16:16-17

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- Were they commanded to give?

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- Did God tell them what exactly how much to bring/give?

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- How do you know how much to give?

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Reference the chart on page 51 of *Plastic Donuts*.

Does it surprise you that in half of the offerings the Children of Israel gave, they determined what to bring?

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Look up and read 2 Corinthians 9:7 - What does Paul say about how much the Corinthians were to give in the offering?

When you think about receiving a gift from your spouse or someone special in your life...

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- Would you rather just tell them what to get and receive just what you asked for? Or, would you prefer for them to select a gift based on how well they know you, pick something that they think is perfect for you, a complete surprise?

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- How would you feel opening such a gift?

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- How would you feel giving such a gift?

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### ? DISCUSSION – CHAPTER 4 - THERE ARE NO RULES (continued)

Look up and read Luke 19:5-8

- How did Zaccheus decide to give 50%?
- Could it have been in response to the salvation Jesus had given him that day?
- Do you think Jesus had set that standard in their short conversation?
- How do you think that made Jesus feel?

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Look up and read Exodus 25:2

- Has your heart ever been stirred or prompted to give? Meet a need? Just bless someone else?
- Did you recognize those as promptings from the Lord?
- If you responded to the prompt – how do you think that made God feel?
- Does it make sense to you that God says “you determine the amount – not Me?”

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# GIVING FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

Small Group Participant's Guide – Lesson Two



## ? DISCUSSION – CHAPTER 5 - A TWO PERCENT PERSPECTIVE

Were you surprised that of all the verses on gifts and giving in the Bible the tithe is only mentioned 2% of the time? (See “The Gift Box”, free PDF E-Paper at [AcceptableGift.org](http://AcceptableGift.org))

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If we use tithing, or 10%, as a standard, what is the standard for? All giving? To be a good Christian? Is it the minimum? The maximum?

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Have you ever had the questions that Jeff mentions on pages 66-67 about tithing? Why do you think we have those questions?

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If God really does desire for us to give based on our relationship with Him and not from an across-the-board giving standard like 10%, how does that make you feel? Unsettled? Nervous? Excited? Challenged?

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**Spend a moment just meditating on the following verse:**

*Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NASB)*

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## NEXT SESSION PREPARATION

- Read chapter 6 in *Plastic Donuts*
- Complete the participant guide questions
- The next time you give, consider these truths