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SUBJECT: A History of  
Living to the

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## A History of Giving to God

1. We are familiar with giving in the Old Testament
- (1) Gen. 4:7-9 7 11 12 'minical' 'tis. 'sanfor' I K. 18:29, 30  
Eze 9:4, 5
  - (2) Gen. 14:18-20 Abraham before Melchizedek Ps. 141:2
  - (3) Gen. 28:20-22 Jacob at Bethel
  - (4) Lev. 27:30 The commandment of the law
  - (5) Mal. 3:10 The prophetic promise

2. We are familiar with the New Testament

- (1) Matt. 23:23 b.c
- (2) I Cor. 16:1, 3
- (3) II Cor. 8:1-9
- (4) Heb. 7:8

3. We look at the years beyond

- (1) The early church  
" . . . . . "

- (2) The medieval church  
" . . . . . " - Symbol of the Reformation

- (3) The merchandising of church / the modern church  
" . . . . . "

On ~~the~~ <sup>from</sup> Budgets to God  
 He God surely not leave us with the Great Commission  
 and with no method of support.  
 The principles of N.T. giving: two

1. According to our ability  
 I Cor. 16:2 (2 Cor. 16:17)  
 "not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice"

(1) We differ in God-given abilities  
 f. talents 5, 2, 1 Matt 25: 14, 17 - 30 <sup>parab</sup> <sup>comm</sup> <sup>mission</sup>  
 g. pounds 10, 5, 2 Lk. 19: 12-26

(2) Why do we ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> all alike can share: poor, rich, "I am poor I can give as much"

- the feel man in heart in giving: poor, rich, etc.
- Matt. 21:3 the call, "the feel that needs" alone
  - a stable, a man, in which to be born a poor woman
  - a boy's lunch with which to feed the 5000 A LITTLE BOY
  - a house in which to stay in Jerusalem A MERCHANT
  - a grave, a tomb, in which to be buried A RICH MAN
- (a) Paul gave, N.T. build the "This day" other things for  
 "I will do for you"

2. According to our faith

6. Mh. 13:41-44

can I trust that God to bleed me?

is appeal always accompanied by a promise

Jan. 3:9, 10

Mal. 3:10

Zk. 6:13

we must grow in the faith  
and are bleed. then harder and harder to give  
harder for a rich man than for a poor man to follow  
10 pennies - 9, 10 million - 9, 10  
(a) ... but I will pray, reduce your sinners ...  
John D. Rockefeller - never able to walk away from and  
learned the practice very fast.

(c) In Tournay, mechanical gear  
. 90% - 10%



Selling RELICS a vast, a tremendous, a profitable business. Dealers in old bones often send the remains, artificially as the Germans have/ some said. The way the church made money: the papacy exacted a fee from the possessor of a relic in return for a bull which declared its authenticity. The fact that sellers claimed identical relics created no problem; the papacy wished to declare an article authentic if the fee was a substantial amount. Relics attracted worshippers and the gifts & the faithful were carefully reckoned. Some of the saints had several skeletons. St. Denis, for example, one kept in Lyons, having a third head in Prague, a fourth in Hamburg, and Munich would boast of many his bones.

The following list of relics have received the infallible approval of various popes:

- Splinters and nails from the cross
- The sponge lifted to Christ's mouth
- The purple robe
- The crown of thorns
- Thorns from the crown
- The cup of the Last Supper
- Specimens of the hair of the Virgin Mary - some blond, some red, some brown, some black.

Bread from the Feast Supper  
The dice used by the soldiers  
Shirts of the Vispi Mary - her  
wedding ring, slippers  
Swaddling clothes  
Carpenter took 7 joyst  
One of the thirty pieces, silver  
The empty purse, Judas  
The part on which the cock  
crew three times  
Pilate's wash basin  
The bones of the ass on which  
Jesus entered Jerusalem  
Moses' staff used to part the  
Red Sea  
Manna from the wilderness  
wondering  
Noah's beard  
A pile of rock from which  
Moses drew water.

## Merchandising Schemes

### Bazaars

Items, made by the people, are sold.

### Entertainments

Negro minstrels

### Church Suppers

### Remnant Sales

Unwanted items are donated by members to be sold for the church.

### Commission Selling

### Quigo



Under Gregory the Great (elected Bishop of Rome, pope, 590 A.D.) the papacy assumed final authority over the church.

through, the means and devices  
ways of raising money.

Tribute, taxes.

Spoils

Services

Courts, absolutions, dispensations

Tricks, fines, simony

Relics

Trade in indulgences

(which raised the ire of Martin Luther and sparked the Reformation)

John Tetzel a Dominican monk, appointed to sell indulgences in Saxony:

"Indulgences are the most precious and the most noble of God's gifts. Coins, and I will give you letters, all



properly sealed, by which were  
the sins that you intend to  
commit may be pardoned.

I would not change my  
privileges for those of the dates  
in Heaven; for I have  
saved more souls by my  
indulgences than the apostle by  
his sermons."

Titzel also assured his listeners  
that indulgences would avail not  
only for the living but for the dead. He  
placed the destiny of those in purgatory  
in the hands of his donors:

"Priest! noble! merchant!  
wife! youth! maiden! Do  
not you hear your parents

and your friends who are  
dead, and who cry from  
the bottom of the abyss:

'We are suffering horrible  
torments! A trifling alms  
would deliver us; you  
can give it, and you will  
not.' "

Martin Luther attempted to stop this  
practice by writing to several nuncios  
in private. They would not move. He  
found the issue further on Oct 31, 1517  
by affixing his 95 theses to door of  
Wittenberg church, causing the sale of  
indulgences. The Reformation followed.

The Apology of Aristides, written to the  
Emperor Hadrian c. 135 A.D

"And if there is among them a  
man that is poor or needy, and  
they have not [an abundance  
] necessaries, they fast two  
or three days that they may  
supply the needy with their  
necessary food."



Augustine c. 354 A.D. - 430 A.D.

'Cut off some part of  
thy income; a tenth if  
thou choicest, though that  
be but little. The

Pharisees gave a tenth,  
and what saith the Lord?

'Except your righteousness  
exceed the righteousness of the  
scribes and the Pharisees ye  
shall not enter into the  
Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 5: 20)'  
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