

## **CASTLEREAGH FELLOWSHIP**

### **A CHARTER FOR NEW TESTAMENT GIVING**

Being a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should impact every aspect of our lives, including how we relate to the material wealth with which we have been blessed and entrusted. CF believes that our financial giving is to be guided by a number of principles which may be deduced from the New Testament.

As Christ's disciples we should:

➤ *GIVE OBEDIENTLY*

- "See that you also excel in the grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7)
- "Finish the work so that your eager willingness to do it will be matched by your completion of it" (2 Cor. 8:10)
- "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ" (2 Cor. 9:13)

➤ *GIVE JOYFULLY*

- "Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints" (2 Cor. 8:4)
- "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7)
- "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)

➤ *GIVE PROPORTIONATELY*

- "According to your means" (2 Cor. 8:11)
- "In keeping with his income" (1 Cor. 16:2)
- "The gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Cor. 8:12)
- "At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality" (2 Cor. 8:14)

➤ *GIVE SACRIFICIALLY*

- “Out of the most severe trial, their overwhelming joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity” (2 Cor. 8:2)
- “For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability” (2 Cor. 8:3))
- “They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on” (Mark 12:44)
- *GIVE SYSTEMATICALLY*
- “On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money” (1 Cor. 16:2)
- *GIVE DISCREETLY*
- “Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them” (Matt. 6:1)
- “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret” (Matt. 6:4)
- *GIVE COMPASSIONATELY*
- “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” (1 John 3:17)
- “They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor” (Gal. 2:9-10)
- *GIVE RESPONSIBLY*
- “I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me” (1 Cor. 16:3-4)
- “We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men” (2 Cor. 8:20-21)
- *GIVE EXPECTANTLY*
- “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Cor. 9:8)
- “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion” (2 Cor. 9:10-11)

➤ *GIVE GENEROUSLY*

- “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Cor. 9:6)
- “Your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else” (2 Cor. 9:13)

➤ *GIVE GRATEFULLY*

- “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor. 4:7)
- “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 9:15)

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