



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 29 January 2023

- 1) What struck you most from the teaching on Sunday?

We give money to the things that we most value, and oftentimes those things are temporary and fleeting. A typical budget reveals that we value our homes, transportation, and entertainment. What we give to the church is indicative of the longing we have for the glory of God.

-Brad Mills (Grace Presbyterian Church)

- 2) Being honest, how often do you stop and consider how much you value Hill Cliffe Baptist Church? As a group, discuss some things you find valuable about Church.

Please read [2 Corinthians 9:6-8](#) Read also [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

- 3) Why is it important to be a cheerful giver?

Please Read [Leviticus 1:1-17](#)

As a burnt offering of atonement the Israelites were to offer a bull, or a ram or pair of turtledoves or young pigeons. Each could provide atonement for the one bringing the sacrifice.

- 4) What might the implications have been for offering a sheep when you could afford a cow?
What are the implications of giving less than we can afford in our society today?

In most areas of spiritual life balance is important. Giving generously and joyfully are important to our, (and the church's) wellbeing. But there are also implications to being overexuberant in our giving.

Please read [1 Timothy 5:8](#) and [Luke 14:28](#)

- 5) What could the implications be of giving in response to emotional stimuli rather than careful stewardship?
- 6) How can you find the right balance between giving generously and being a wise steward?

Luke 6:38 (KJV) says: *38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

- 7) How does this scripture impress upon you the generosity of God?
- 8) In what ways has this study impacted your attitude towards giving?