Regularity Calls for Regularity

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| “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22, 23).  Jeremiah recognized God’s manifestations not as occasional but as happening daily, regularly. How then should we respond to the Lord—a God that so regularly blesses His children?  Numbers 28 and 29 reports about the Israelite’s regularity in worshiping and giving to God—daily, weekly, monthly, and during all annual festivals. Concerning their offerings, for instance, they brought “two lambs a year old without defect, as a regular burnt offering each day” (Num. 28:3). Interestingly, what they brought during the weekly, monthly, and annual festivals were “besides,” or “in addition to, the regular burnt offering.” (Numbers 28:23).  The Israelite’s worship pattern tells us that the best practice is not to be a sporadic worshipper, only during Easter week, the Christmas season, or special Sabbaths. A God who manifests Himself continually and regularly expects the same regular pattern of worship from His children.  But **HOW FREQUENTLY** should we give regular offerings? “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits [the first part, the best part] of all our increase”, says Solomon (Proverbs 3:9, NKJV), indicating that we must worship the Lord with tithe and regular offerings as regularly as He sends us an income or increase.  This wise giving system, triggered by God’s giving, is fair even to those who do not have any income or increase. When God sends no income, there will also be no tithe and no offering. He would never expect something if He has not given us something. He is always the first to give, and our giving should be only a response to His giving!  But **HOW MUCH** to give as regular offerings? God says that our giving should be “in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you” (Deut. 16:17, NIV). Paul also alludes to a proportional system when he says that one should give “as he may prosper” (1 Corinthians 16:2, NKJV).  Therefore, an intelligent way to give regular offerings is by deciding “in your heart” (2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV), in advance, the proportion or the percentage of our income to be dedicated to God as “Promise”, which is our regular offering, given besides the tithe.  It is always a joy to participate in special offerings, supporting some good projects or ministries. However, it is appropriate that these occasional gifts and donations are besides, and in addition to, our regular and systematic offerings.  As we worship God with our tithe and “Promise”, we have an opportunity to partner with God and to express our gratitude for His regular care and provisions. May we put our desires last, and God first. | Custom animations and real footage of worship. People in festive scenarios and in daily/ordinary scenarios. Bible illustrations.  Custom animations and illustrations of the Bible Story.  Custom animations and illustrations of celebration seasons and worshiping concept.    Custom animations and appeal. |
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