

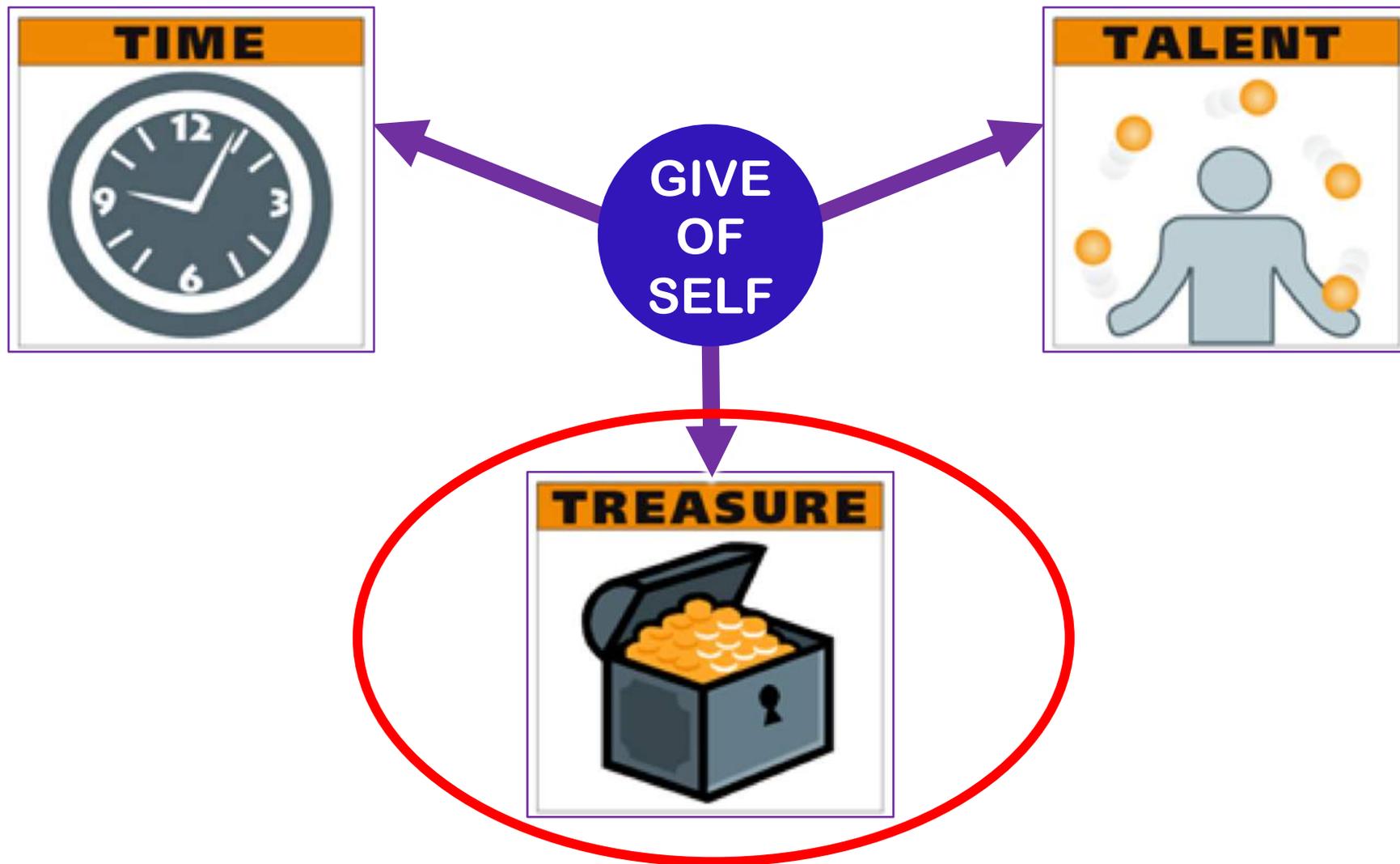
Worshipping G O D through G I V I N G

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

One of GOD's distinct characteristics is GIVING!

Therefore, anyone who claims to be a Christian must be driven by God's love. **We also must give because God says so!**



Nehemiah 10:35-37; 39 – The promise by the People

³⁵ And we made ordinances to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of the Lord; ³⁶ to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as *it is* written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; ³⁷ to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, *the* new wine and oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the house of our God; and to bring the tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities.

³⁹ For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary *are, where* the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers *are*; and we will not neglect the house of our God.

Nehemiah 13:4-7; 10-13 – The reality on the ground

⁴ Now before this, Eliashib the priest, having authority over the storerooms of the house of our God, was allied with Tobiah. ⁵ And he had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine and oil, which were commanded to be given to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers, and the offerings for the priests. ⁶ But during all this I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Then after certain days I obtained leave from the king, ⁷ and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God.

¹⁰ I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. ¹¹ So I contended with the rulers, and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together and set them in their place. ¹² Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse. ¹³ And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their task was to distribute to their brethren.

**We prayed and pledged
to be faithful and
diligent in our giving so
that the work of the
Lord in this Church will
proceed without
financial hindrances.**

The reality on the ground for CBC – Based on our giving so far

Month	Budget (ZWL)	Actual Giving (ZWL)	Variance (ZWL)
August	65,000	59,868.53	(5,131.47)
September	65,000	58,000.48	(6,999.52)

All giving in foreign currency has been converted to ZWL using the appropriate exchange rate.

It has been observed that in CBC very few people give to the work of the Lord and this is a huge concern as it reflects that many people have not yet matured enough to seriously take the responsibility of worshipping God through cheerful and bountiful giving.

The minimum of what it could look like using current situation

161 Members

57 Men

104 Women

2 Corinthians 8:3-4
³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,



10	→	2,000	→	20,000
10	→	1,000	→	10,000
10	→	500	→	5,000
10	→	200	→	2,000
17	→	100	→	1,700

10,000	←	1,000	←	10
7,000	←	700	←	10
6,000	←	600	←	10
5,000	←	500	←	10
4,000	←	400	←	10
3,000	←	300	←	10
2,000	←	200	←	10
1,000	←	100	←	10
500	←	50	←	10
280	←	20	←	14

38,700

77,480

38,780



THE PRINCIPLE OF GIVING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 Cor 9:6-8

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** So let each one give as he decided in his heart, not from sorrow or out of duty; for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound for every good work.

EVERY CHRISTIAN MUST BUILD A HABIT OF GIVING



1 Corinthians 16:1-2

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: ² On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

Isaiah 1:19

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.

SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE DEFICIENCY IN GIVING?

1. **Teach** what the Bible teaches.
2. **Cast** a clear financial vision for CBC.
3. **Model** cheerful and bountiful giving.
4. **Promote** financial budgeting by all.
5. **Excel** in financial integrity and accountability in CBC.
6. **Challenge** the church with specific projects as Nehemiah challenged the people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
7. **Guide** CBC to always pray as Jesus taught us, “Give us this day our daily bread.”



John 13:17
“If you know
these things,
blessed are
you if you do
them”.
