

NEW COVENANT GIVING, PART 1: HOW WE GIVE

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Paul wanted the Thessalonians to know for certain that when he and his ministry team came to town preaching the gospel, they were not in it for the money. The evidence for their genuineness could be seen in how completely they *gave of themselves* to the people, even as a *mother* lovingly gives everything for her baby. In Paul's testimony we note several qualities of his giving which help define for us our own giving today as the Lord's church:

1. Paul's giving was motivated by *love*.
2. Paul's giving was facilitated by *labor*.
3. Paul's giving was evidenced by *sacrifice*.
4. Paul's giving was energized by *joy*.