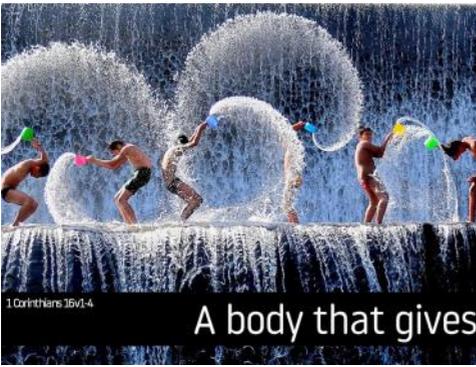


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A body that gives

I Corinthians 16v1-4



- Live now for then

- Faith works or it's not faith

James 2v15-17

- How we apply God's truth

●**God's word to their pockets**

Acts 11v27-30, 2 Corinthians 8v3-4, 6, 20 and 9v7

●**God's word to your bank account**

1 Timothy 6v10, James 5v3-5

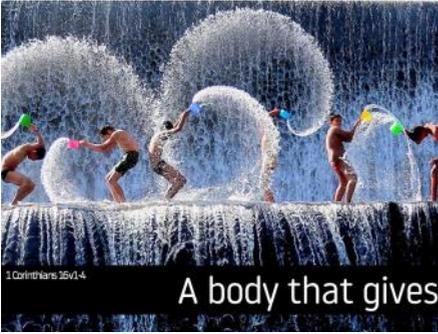
- **God's word to a church's finances**

- **Live differently now**

Conversation starter

Are we too reserved in speaking about money? Why?

Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. Read the verses again. What seems to be Paul's heart in these verses? Then reflect upon the following questions—
 - **Giving is worship.** How does the way we encourage giving help us to see this and hinder our experience of this?
 - **Giving is putting our faith into action.** Read James 2v14-19. Why should we fear being 'Sunday Christians'?
 - **Giving sacrificially makes us dependent upon God.** How do you feel about this?
 - **Brexit is creating financial uncertainty.** How should this impact the way we think about giving?
 - **In 21st Century Britain we are saturated by opportunities to give charitably.** How should we set our priorities right?
3. From your perspective, how transparent is the churches administration of finance? If you could ask 1 question what would it be? (If you think it is relevant, consider emailing 1 question per group to the trustees via peter.chilvers@leightonbaptists.org.uk)
4. What do you think are and should be the church's greatest priorities in designating it's income?
5. Spend a couple of minutes in quiet alone and ask yourself—What do I need to do as I reflect upon the way I give? Note down the most important action point—and then do it!

Pray that we would remember and live in the light of these things.

For more info on the churches finances, or to review or increase your standing order, contact Jill Betts at jill.betts@leightonbaptists.org.uk (or call her at the church office)