

# Giving and Growing

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## **2 Chronicles 29:2**

*Hezekiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.*

## **2 Chronicles 31:3-4**

*The king contributed from his own possessions for the morning and evening burnt offerings... He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to give a portion due the priests and the Levites so they could devote themselves to the law of the Lord.*

## Benchmarks of Biblical Giving

### **1. Biblical giving is generous.**

#### **2 Chronicles 31:5**

*As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave.*

### **2. Biblical giving is a priority for God's people.**

#### **2 Chronicles 31:5**

*As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything.*

### **3. Biblical giving begins with a tithe.**

#### **2 Chronicles 31:6**

*The men of Israel and Judah who lived in the towns of Judah also brought a tithe of their herds and flocks and a tithe of the holy things dedicated to the Lord their God, and they piled them in heaps.*

#### **2 Chronicles 31:7**

*They began doing this in the third month and finished in the seventh month. When Hezekiah and his officials came and saw the heaps, they praised the Lord and blessed his people Israel.*

