

A FEW WORDS ABOUT GIVING Norm Skarie

A lady asked me here the other day how much the tapes and books cost. We put no charge on any of the materials, because we feel that would be making merchandise (selling) of the gospel. We follow the example of Paul as laid out in his epistles. Paul supported himself at times by making tents; I do likewise by being gainfully employed.

However, this ministry does have expenses and so far God has met those expenses through various means and people. At one point, I was ready to throw in the towel so to speak and just trash the website, and it was at this point that we received a rather large offering which enabled us to purchase some equipment and software needed to upload and publish this grace message on the internet. We believe and trust that God will continue to bless our efforts in sharing the gospel of grace.

If the Lord blesses you through this ministry and moves upon your heart to support Grace God's Way, then make any checks payable to Gospel Fellowship and send them to Grace God's Way, P.O. Box 774, Belton, Mo. 64012. All contributions are tax deductible and a year-end itemized listing of your contributions will be sent to you in accordance with IRS regulations.

We think that this approach allows anyone who does choose to give, to do so, in accordance with the principles given by Paul in II Cor. 8:12 and 9:7. God wants our giving to be cheerful and of a willing mind. Putting a price on the materials would rob the giver of the joy of giving. A person would then feel obligated to give, and thus would not be of a willing mind. For our part, we can then rejoice and

"glorify God for the giver's professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for the giver's liberal distribution unto God's work through this ministry." (my translation of II Cor. 9:13.) We thank you and hope that this somewhat clarifies the matter.