

Biblical Principles in Support of Donation

Transplants are not specifically mentioned in most sacred text because they are a modern development. However, the timeless content of the texts speaks to donation in principle. The following scriptures are selected because of their message of giving, healing and understanding the relationship between human beings.

Genesis 2:20-30	A rib is taken from Adam to give life to Eve
Leviticus 1:7	"Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself."
Deuteronomy 30:15-20	"Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."
Psalms 8	"How majestic is your name in all the earth!"
Psalms 41	Images of a healing Lord
Psalms 100	Psalms of praise and thanksgiving
Psalms 107	"Consider the steadfast love of the Lord."
Psalms 111	"I give thanks to the Lord."
Psalms 113	Praises to the Lord
Psalms 116	"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"
Psalms 145	"The Lord is gracious and merciful."
Psalms 147	"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving."
Ecclesiastes 3:1-17	"For everything there is a season..."
Isaiah 35:106	"Strengthen the weak hands, make firm the feeble knees...the eyes of the blind shall be opened."
Isaiah 40:31	"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength...they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."
Ezekiel 37	The valley of dry bones: "These bones shall live."
Matthew 5:7	"Blessed are the merciful."
Matthew 7:7	"Ask...seek...knock."
Matthew 7:12	"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you..."
Matthew 25:31-46	Caring for the stranger
Luke 4:16-21	"...recovery of sight to the blind"
Luke 6:37-38	"Give and it will be given to you"
John 3:16-17	"God so loved the world that He gave..."
John 10:10	"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
John 15:12-17	"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
II Corinthians 9:6-8	"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
I John 4:11	"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."
Revelation 21:4-5	In eternity we will not need our earthly bodies: "Former things will pass away, all things will be made new."

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