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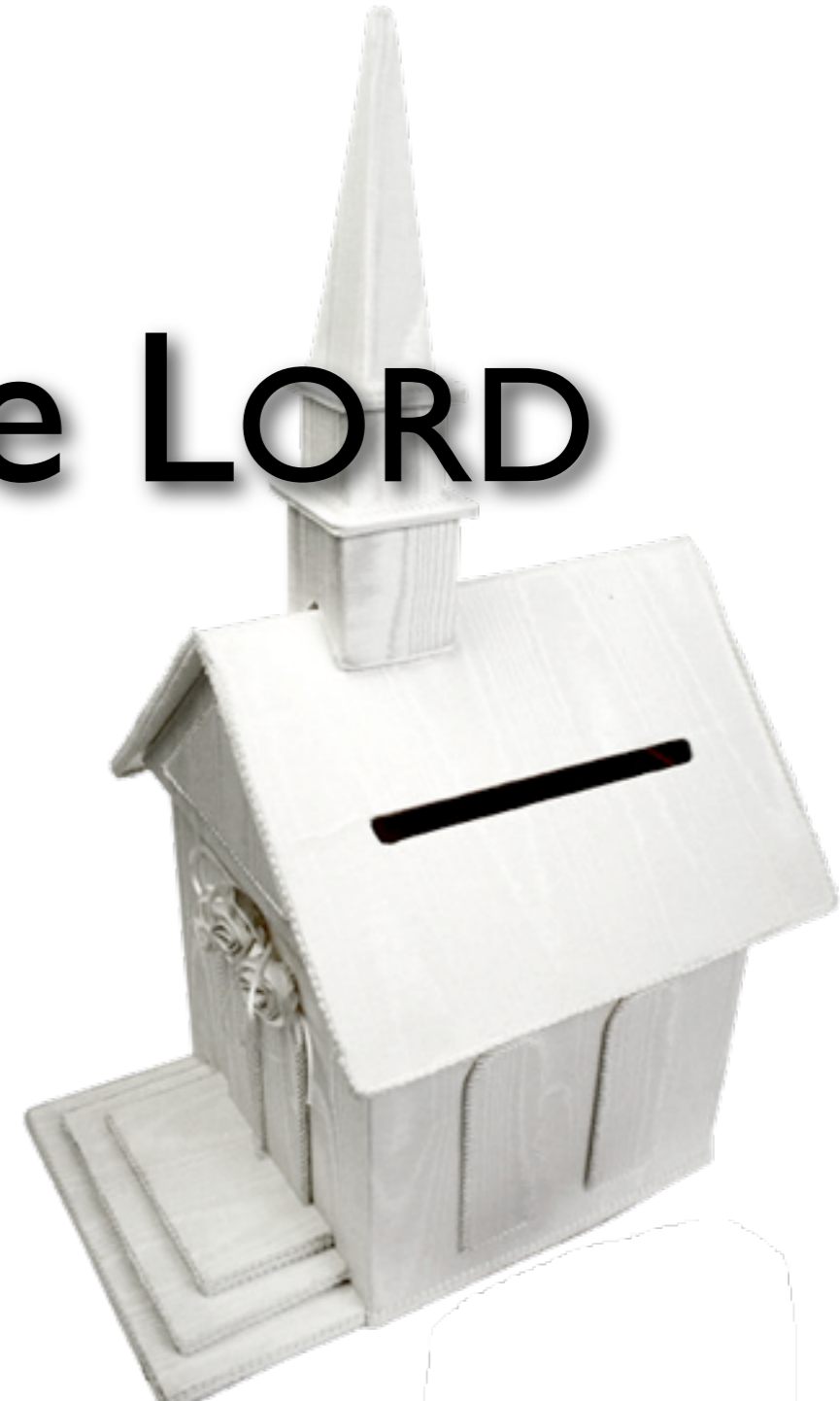
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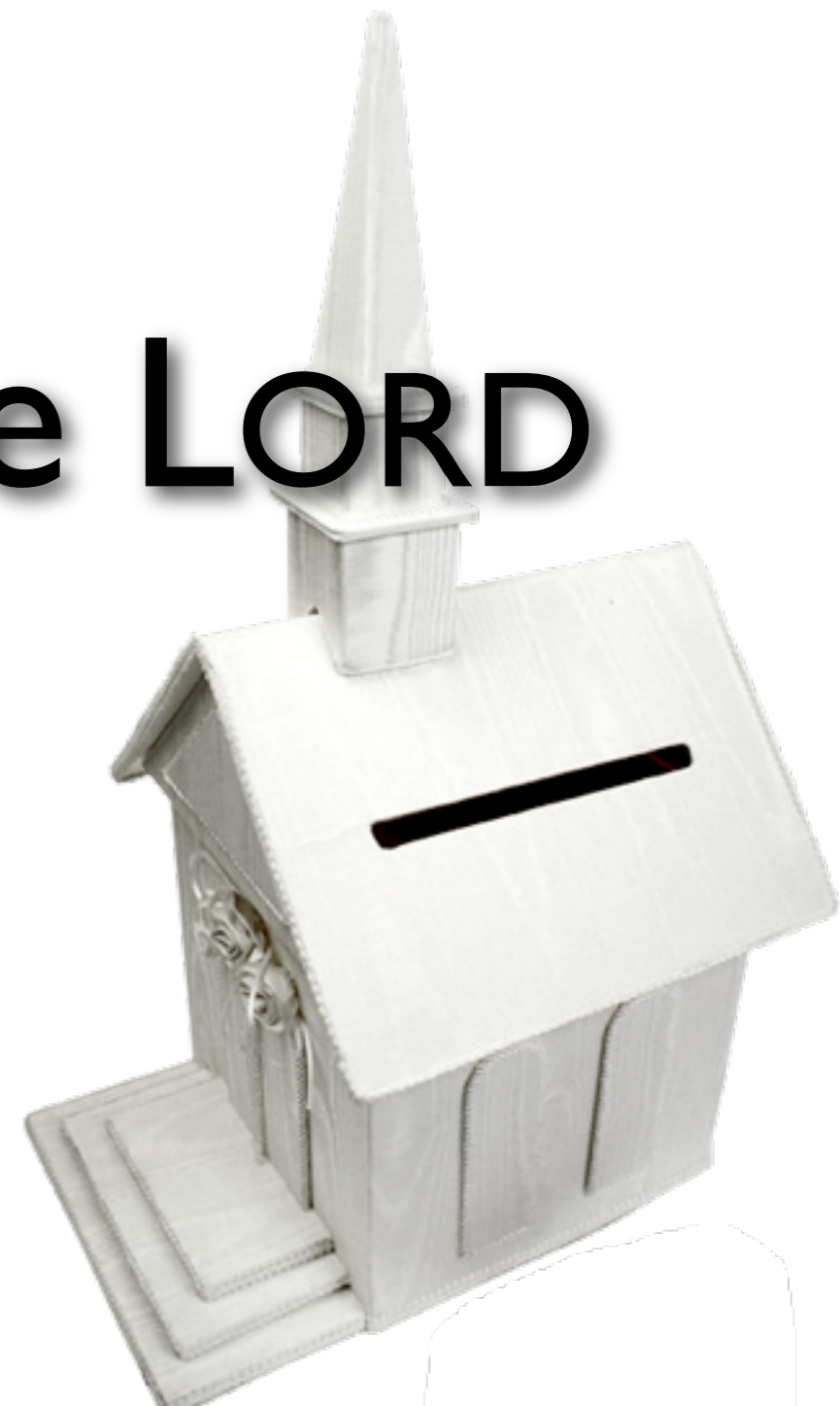


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**The New Testament  
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- To try to keep the law is to fall from grace (Gal. 5:4)



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- Material blessings



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- We should not try and keep detailed records of everything that we give



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- “God loves a cheerful giver”



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