

Biblical Principles Supporting Donation_

Organ and tissue transplants are not mentioned specifically in the Bible because they are a very recent development. However, there is nothing in the Bible that would prevent them. The timeless content of the scriptures speaks to donation in principle. The following scriptures can guide our thinking and actions on organ donation.

Genesis 2:20-30	The first transplant: A rib take from Adam to create Eve.
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	“Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them.”
Matthew 10:8	“Heal the sick, ...freely ye have received, freely give.”
Leviticus 1:7	“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”
Mark 9:47	We can enter heaven without having every part of our bodies present.
Luke 6:37-38	“Give and it shall be given unto you.”
John 3:16-17	“God so loved the world that he gave...”
John 10:10	“Give life that others may live more abundantly.”
John 15:12-13	“Greater love has no man...”
I John 4:11	“If God so loved us, we ought also 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.”

1. SEOPF/UNOS. *Organ and Tissue Donation: A Reference Guide for Clergy*, 4th Ed Cooper ML, Taylor GJ, eds. Richmond, VA: UNOS; 2000.