

Making Change Part 3: Giving Is Good

(Acts 20:35 NLT) You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

(John 3:16 ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Areas of Purpose

✓ Time

(Ephesians 5:15-16 ESV) Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

✓ Talent

(1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT) A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

✓ Treasure

(1 Timothy 6:18-19 TLB) Give happily to those in need, always be ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity!

✓ Team

(1 Chronicles 26:12-13 MSG) "These teams supervised by their leaders, kept order in The Temple of GOD, keeping up the traditions of their ancestors. They were all assigned to their posts by the same method regardless of the prominence of their families.

Giving Is Good

(Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG) The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed.

1. Willingly

(2 Corinthians 9:7a NLT) You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

2. Cheerfully

(2 Corinthians 9:7b NLT) "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

3. Sacrificially

(Mark 12:41-44 NIV) Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

(2 Corinthians 9:6a NIV) Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

4. Expectantly

(2 Corinthians 9:6b NLT) But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

(Galatians 6:9-10 NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.