

## Give Until It Feels Good

### Celebration

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Honor the Lord by giving him your money and the first part of all your crops.  
**Proverbs 3:9 (CEV)**

### A few reasons why godly people give:

**Reason #1:** Godly people give to build things.

<sup>22</sup> All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the Lord.

**Exodus 35:22 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

<sup>3</sup> Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple... Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the LORD today?

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly.

**1 Chronicles 29: 2-3, 6 (NIV)**

**Reason #2:** Godly people give to help the poor.

<sup>35</sup> If any of your people become poor and unable to support themselves, you must help them...

**Leviticus 25:35 (CEV)**

<sup>4</sup> No one in Israel should ever be poor... <sup>7</sup> After the LORD your God gives land to each of you, there may be poor Israelites in the town where you live. If there are, then don't be mean and selfish with your money. <sup>8</sup> Instead, be kind and lend them what they need.

**Deuteronomy 15:4, 7-8 (CEB)**

<sup>45</sup> They would sell their land and the things they owned and then divide the money and give it to anyone who needed it.

**Acts 2:45 (NCV)**

**Reason #3:** Godly people give to support ministry.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Aaron, "I am putting you in charge of all the contributions given to me. I am giving you and your descendants all the holy gifts from the Israelites as your share...

<sup>21</sup> "I am giving the Levites one-tenth of every Israelite's income. This is in return for the work they do at the tent of meeting.

**Numbers 18:8, 21 (GWT)**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord gave orders that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.

**1 Corinthians 9:14 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> But it was good that you helped me when I needed it. <sup>15</sup> You Philippians remember when I first preached the Good News there. When I left Macedonia, you were the only church that gave me help. <sup>16</sup> Several times you sent me things I needed when I was in Thessalonica. <sup>17</sup> Really, it is not that I want to receive gifts from you, but I want you to have the good that comes from giving.

**Philippians 4:14-17 (NCV)**

### Why are we having a special contribution?

#### 1. To stretch our faith.

- \$100,000 is not the only goal.

<sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

**2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)**

#### 2. To do something powerful together.

<sup>9</sup> Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better. <sup>12</sup> three is even better...

**Ecclesiastes 4:9,12a (TLB)**

3. We've been asked to financially help another ministry.

4. To take a major step to get out of debt.

## ***What can I do...?***

1. I give myself to God.

2. I ask God to help me be generous.

*If you want to give, your gift will be accepted. Your gift will be judged by what you have, not by what you do not have.*

**2 Corinthians 8:12 (ICB)**

3. Trust God to provide...

<sup>6</sup> *Remember this: The person who plants a little will have a small harvest, but the person who plants a lot will have a big harvest.*

<sup>7</sup> *Each of you should give as you have decided in your heart to give. You should not be sad when you give, and you should not give because you feel forced to give. **God loves the person who gives happily.** <sup>8</sup> And God can give you more blessings than you need. Then you will always have plenty of everything—enough to give to every good work.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NCV)**

4. Be willing to sacrifice.

<sup>24</sup> *...I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.*

**2 Samuel 24:24b (NIV)**

5. Start giving now.

<sup>10</sup> *Bring one-tenth of your income into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way," says the Lord of Armies. "See if I won't open the windows of heaven for you and flood you with blessings.*

**Malachi 3:10 (GWT)**