

10. It makes me more like God.

"For God so loved the world that He gave..." John 3:16

11. It's an investment for eternity.

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II. How to get the most out of giving.

Give...

Willingly, Thankfully, Joyfully, Expectantly

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Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

"The King and I"

Part 8

Kingdom Economy

"... 'It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'" Luke 12:32

"And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 28:2

I. How giving into the Kingdom is God's way of providing for my own life:

1. Put material things in perspective – Victory over material things.

"Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven-it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well." 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (TLB)

Each time we give it breaks the materialism syndrome of "I've got to have more."

2. Key test of how much you can be trusted with spiritual things.

"And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" Luke 16:11 (TLB)

A checkbook is a theological document. It indicates who and what we worship.

3. Protects and frees from financial enslavement.

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."
Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

4. Strengthens my faith.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this." Says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.'"
Malachi 3:10

5. It makes me happy.

"Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly."
1 Chronicles 29:9

The opposite of happy is miserable – root word for miserable is miser.

6. It blesses me in return.

"For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give-large or small-will be used to measure what is given back to you."
Luke 6:38 (TLB)

"He who is generous will be blessed..." Proverbs 22:9 (NASU)

7. Proof of my love.

"You people there are leaders in so many ways-you have so much faith, so many good preachers, so much learning, so much enthusiasm, so much love for us. Now I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving...This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words."
2 Corinthians 8:7-8 (TLB)

We can give without loving but we cannot love without giving.

8. Helps us focus on eternal, not temporal.

"Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven, your heart will be there too."
Matthew 6:19-21 (TLB)

9. Gets God's attention.

"Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.'"
Mark 12:41-44

Allan Cole said, "It is well to remember that the Lord measures giving, not by what we give, but by what we keep for ourselves."