

What's the Point?

What's the point of giving?

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Part 6



1. Giving protects us from _____
1 Timothy 6:17-18 "Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others." (NLT=New Living Translation)
2. Giving helps maintain our _____
Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." (NLT)
3. Giving meets the needs of _____
2 Corinthians 9:12 "So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God." (NLT)
4. Giving helps other people _____
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5. Giving helps us _____
2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ..."For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others." (NLT)
6. Giving resources the mission of the _____
1 Corinthians 16:1-2 "Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. ²On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned..." (NLT)

7. Giving is an area to _____

2 Corinthians 8:7 "Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving." (NLT)

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Discussion Questions:

1. Share your own personal experiences with giving. What has God taught you about giving? What are the challenges you still face in regard to giving?
2. Why is giving controversial to some people?
3. We answered the question; "What's the point of giving?" in seven ways. Which ones are the most impactful to you? Which ones seem to influence your giving more than others?
4. How is God asking you to excel in the gracious act of giving? What hurdles do you need to overcome in order to excel at giving?

