

Giving is an Act of Worship
1 Chron 16:28-30/Mt.6.19-21

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28 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him.

Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! 30 Tremble before Him, all the earth.

The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved. NKJV

1. He will enrich you in EVERYTHING! Vs. 11

He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. TEV

- Givers have more good friends!
- Givers have more influence!
- Givers have more fun in life!
- Givers are closer to God!
- Givers finance God's kingdom! Mt. 6:33

Prov 30:7-9

8 Keep deception and lies far from me,

Give me neither poverty nor riches;

Feed me with the food that is my portion,

9 That I not be full and deny You and say, "Who is the LORD?"

Or that I not be in want and steal,

And profane the name of my God.

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Givers have an understanding of worship that others don't possess. Ultimately godly giving flows out of a heart to worship him. We worship Him or express worship in numerous ways. Through the lifting of our hands, through the songs we sing and through the resources we give. But nowhere in the Bible does it say that where ever you raise your hands that's where your heart is. That where you dance is where your heart is. That where you sing is where your heart is... but "Where your treasure is that's where the heart is!" Matt 6:21

21 For your heart will always be where your riches are.

1. Give to the Lord your strength.

- When you sow your strength into the kingdom He will return that strength!
- When you give your resources you are giving God the strength you produced!
- God accepts and blesses the gift that costs us something to produce! 2 Sam 24:23-24

24 However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2. Give to the Lord His glory.

- The glory of the Lord is attention and gratitude!
- The one thing He will not share is His glory! Isa 42:8

8 " I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images NASU

- When you give your resources you are giving Him glory!!

Gratitude, attention are all contained in your resources!

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3. Give to the Lord an offering.

The Israelites were trained to bring God an offering and understood the power of protection, potential and profit that was released as a result of their faithfulness.

- The Jews gave God an offering of a lamb that caused the death angel to pass over them. Ex. 12.23
- They gave God an offering when they crossed over the Jordan. Joshua 6
- David gave Him the offering of praise when the ark came into the city! 2 Samuel 6.21