

Biblical Generosity & Tithing

I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week. — JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR. (1839-1937),
AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST AND PHILANTHROPIST

No church ever has a money problem, only a faithfulness problem. — BRIAN KLUTH, PASTOR
AND GENEROSITY SPEAKER & AUTHOR

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

Giving to God is a grace—but not giving to God is a disgrace.

There's no good reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. COL. SANDERS, FOUNDER OF
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN

What I kept, I lost. What I gave, I have.

If a pauper gives to God, he'll feel like a prince. If a prince doesn't give to God, he'll feel like a pauper.

"I have observed 100,000 families over my years of investment counseling. I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among those families who tithed than among those who didn't." SIR JOHN TEMPLETON, CHAIRMAN OF TEMPLETON FUNDS

When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.

Give to God what's right--not what's left.

Some people give God a tenth—a tenth of what they ought to give.

You should give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving.

Do your giving', while your living', so you'll be knowing' where it's going'.

There are no pockets in a shroud and no U-hauls behind a hearse.

Two things ruin a church--loose living and tight giving.

There are many who will give the Lord the credit but never give Him the cash.

God looks at the heart, not the hand--the giver, not the gift.

If everyone in your church followed your pattern of giving, would your church receive a token, a tip or a tithe? — BRIAN KLUTH, PASTOR AND GENEROSITY SPEAKER & AUTHOR

“If a thief helps a poor man out of the spoils of his thieving, we must not call that charity.”
— DANTE ALIGHIERI (1265-1321), ITALIAN POET

When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain.

Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.

Some people say, “Give till it hurts.” But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver! — BRIAN KLUTH, PASTOR AND GENEROSITY SPEAKER & AUTHOR

With the price of everything else going up these days, aren't you glad the Lord hasn't increased the tithe to 15%?

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.

The Dead Sea is the Dead Sea because it continually receives and never gives.

Thank the Lord that you can give instead of depending on others to give to you.

Charity begins at home and generally dies from lack of outdoor exercise.

“Do not give, as many rich men do, like a hen that lays her eggs ... and then cackles.” — HENRY WARD BEECHER (1813-87), AMERICAN ABOLITIONIST AND CLERGYMAN

“Wealth shines in giving rather than in hoarding: for the miser is hateful, whereas the generous man is applauded.” — [ANICIUS MANLIUS SEVERINUS] BOETHIUS (480-524?), ROMAN STATESMAN AND PHILOSOPHER AND CHRISTIAN MARTYR

“Examples are few of men ruined by giving.” — CHRISTIAN BOVÉE

“Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment.” — JEAN DE LA BRUYÈRE (1645-96), FRENCH WRITER

“One of the reasons churches in North America have trouble guiding people about money is that the church's economy is built on consumerism. If churches see themselves as suppliers of religious goods and services and their congregants as consumers, then offerings are 'payment.’ ” — DOUG PAGITT, PASTOR

“My take on tithing in America is that it's a middle-class way of robbing God. Tithing to the church and spending the rest on your family is not a Christian goal. It's a diversion. The real issue is: How shall we use God's trust fund—namely, all we have—for His glory? In a world with so much misery, what lifestyle should we call our people to live? What example are we setting?” — JOHN PIPER (1946-), PASTOR AND AUTHOR

“You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” — JOHN BUNYAN (1628-88), ENGLISH PURITAN WRITER AND PREACHER

“Getters generally don't get happiness; givers get it.” — CHARLES H. BURR

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.” — BARBARA BUSH (1925-), FORMER AMERICAN FIRST LADY

“I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God’s failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.” — WILLIAM CAREY (1761-1834), BAPTIST MISSIONARY TO INDIA

“You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving.” — AMY CARMICHAEL (1867-1951), MISSIONARY TO INDIA

“It is more difficult to give money away intelligently than it is to earn it in the first place.” — ANDREW CARNEGIE (1835-1919), AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST AND PHILANTHROPIST.

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.” — WINSTON CHURCHILL (1874-1965), BRITISH WARTIME PRIME MINISTER AND STATESMAN

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” — CALVIN COOLIDGE (1872-1933), 30TH U.S. PRESIDENT

“Give naught, get same. Give much, get same.” — MALCOLM FORBES (1919-90), AMERICAN PUBLISHER

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” — ANNE FRANK (1929-45), JEWISH DUTCH DIARIST DURING NAZI OCCUPATION

“No one is as generous as he who has nothing to give.” — FRENCH PROVERB

“Dearest lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.” — IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491-1556), JESUIT FOUNDER

“The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.” — JAMES L. KRAFT (1874-1953), KRAFT-PHOENIX CHEESE CORP. CHAIRMAN

“To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.” — ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH (1906-2001), AMERICAN AVIATRIX AND WRITER

“A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog.” — JACK LONDON (1876-1916), AMERICAN NOVELIST

“Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.” — HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW (1807-82), AMERICAN WRITER AND POET

“Generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride or fear.” — HORACE MANN (1796-1859), AMERICAN EDUCATOR AND POLITICIAN

“I am convinced that the devil has caused the subject of giving to stir up resistance and resentment among God’s people because he knows there are few ways of spiritual enrichment like the exercise of faithful stewardship.” — STEPHEN OLFORD, PREACHER AND AUTHOR

"Our culture values the size of the gift, but God values the size of what we keep." — ED OWENS, CHICAGO FUND MANAGER

"He that gives all, though but little, gives much; because God looks not to the quantity of the gift, but to the quality of the givers." — FRANCIS QUARLES (1592-1644), AUTHOR

"I believe it is every man's religious duty to get all he can honestly and to give all he can." — JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR. (1839-1937), AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST AND PHILANTHROPIST

"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege." — JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. (1874-1960), AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST AND PHILANTHROPIST

"Generosity is to materialism what kryptonite is to Superman." — **Lloyd Shadrach**, pastor and author

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." — BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN (1895-1979), ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP

"If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives." — ROBERT SOUTH (1634-1716), ENGLISH CLERGYMAN

"Giving is true loving." — CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON (1834-92), ENGLISH BAPTIST PREACHER

"Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave." — CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON (1834-92), ENGLISH BAPTIST PREACHER

"We can all be stimulated to greater generosity by the known generosity of others." — JOHN R.W. STOTT (1921-), ENGLISH PASTOR AND EVANGELIST

"The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation." — PETER MARSHALL (1902-49), FORMER U.S. SENATE CHAPLAIN

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." — MOTHER TERESA (1910-97), CATHOLIC MISSIONARY TO INDIA

"What the Bible says is really true—it's better to give than to receive." — TED TURNER (1938-), MEDIA MOGUL AND PHILANTHROPIST

"Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith." — WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD (1921-94), AMERICAN EDUCATOR

"If I cannot give bountifully, yet will I give freely." — ARTHUR WARWICK

"When I die, if I leave behind me ten pounds ... you and all mankind [may] bear witness against me, that I have lived and died a thief and a robber." — JOHN WESLEY (1703-91), ENGLISH EVANGELIST AND FOUNDER OF METHODISM

"Earn as much as you can. Save as much as you can. Invest as much as you can. Give as much as you can." — JOHN WESLEY (1703-91), ENGLISH EVANGELIST AND FOUNDER OF METHODISM