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Romans 12:1-6

GIVING

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

haplótēs, hap-lot'-ace; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):—bountifulness, liberal(-ity), simplicity, singleness.

I. singleness, simplicity, sincerity, mental honesty

A. the virtue of one who is free from pretense and hypocrisy

II. not self seeking, openness of heart manifesting itself by generosity

☐ [2 Corinthians 1:12](#)

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity^{G572} and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

☐ [2 Corinthians 8:2](#)

How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.^{G572}

☐ [2 Corinthians 9:11](#)

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness,^{G572} which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

☐ [2 Corinthians 9:13](#)

Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal^{G572} distribution unto them, and unto all men;

☐ [2 Corinthians 11:3](#)

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity^{G572} that is in Christ.

☐ [Ephesians 6:5](#)

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness^{G572} of your heart, as unto Christ;

☐ [Colossians 3:22](#)

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness^{G572} of heart, fearing God:

Here is a gift I want YOU to have!!!!

Paul says in Acts 20 that Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I have had many givers in my life.

- Mission's trip to Haiti
- Large set of Craftsman's tools
- Monthly support of ministry

Every gift is to be used to benefit all other believers in the body of Christ.

Prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation and now giving.

Money is such a divider- in fact most of all the major conflicts I have encountered in church ministry have involved money. It's very emotional and I have seen much division over it.

How people spend money can cause issues in relationships. However, everyone is responsible for the money God has put into their hands. How I

decide to spend the money God has allowed me to have is between me and the Lord. Everyone has different opinions. I am responsible to God for everything He has given me.

God calls us all to be givers of time, talents and resources.

This refers to someone who is a channel through whom God provides resources for His body. This is an important spiritual gift that must be exercised with liberality. When someone who is called and gifted to be a giver stops giving liberally, they will often see their resources dry up — having forgotten why God has blessed them.

God's principles differ greatly from the world view.

World View	Christian View
The goal in life is to acquire wealth	The goal in life is to glorify God (2 Corinthians 5:9)
When you accumulate money you save it for yourself to spend	When you accumulate money you share with others (Romans 12:13)
My money belongs to me, I earned it	All my money belongs to God- He allows me to earn it (Deuteronomy 8)
I should hang on to my money for myself	I should give money to others to bless them
I will give nothing to God	I will honor God with the tithe (Proverbs 3:10)
The more I hang on to the more I have	The more I give the more I have (Malachi 3:10)(Luke 6:38)

Principles of giving:

- I should try to do it God's way to see what happens
- I should give with a cheerful heart
- I should recognize that everything I have belongs to God
- I should hold loosely all that God has given me
- I should trust God and not money for my future
- I should be wise with the finances I have

My view:

Give the firstfruits **Proverbs 3:10**

Pay cash

Prepare for future expenses- budget

Develop a spiritual worldview **2 Corinthians 4:18**

It's not wrong to have things, it's wrong for things to have you.

Live in contentment

Always having all sufficiency in all things: The ancient Greek word for sufficiency (autarkeia) may also be translated contentment. This is how the same word is used in 1 Timothy 6:6: Now godliness with contentment is great gain. God gives a special gift to the giving heart: always... all contentment in all things. That is a lot of all!

Pray about every major expenditure

Seek counsel in spending

Be generous **Psalm 112**

The New Testament description of this spiritual gift in [Romans 12:8](#) certainly is brief. Paul does not use the normal word for giving (“δίδωμι”). Instead, he uses a word used infrequently in the New Testament. Scholars who study words in the Bible define this word here for giving (“μεταδιδοῦς”) as to impart, give or share.

[Luke 3:11](#)

He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart [G3330](#) to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

[Romans 1:11](#)

For I long to see you, that I may impart [G3330](#) unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

[Ephesians 4:28](#)

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his](#) hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give [G3330](#) to him that needeth.

[1Thessalonians 2:8](#)

So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted [G3330](#) unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

2 Corinthians 9

5 Dynamics of Giving

✓ 1. Giving must involve passion

9 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; **2** for I **know your willingness**, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and **your zeal has stirred up the majority**. **3** Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; **4** lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. **5** **Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren** to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, **that it may be ready as a matter of generosity** and not as a grudging obligation.

✓ 2. Giving must understand God's math.

6 But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Proverbs 11:24; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38

✓ 3. Giving must be done cheerfully and with the right attitude.

7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Philippians 2:14; 4:15-19

- True giving comes from a happy heart, and it also gives us a happy heart. The English poet Carlyle said that when he was a boy, a beggar came to the door when his parents were gone. On a youthful impulse he rushed to his room, broke his piggy bank, and gave the beggar all the money. He said that never before or since had he known such sheer happiness as came to him in that moment of giving.

Matthew 6:19-21- **19** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Verse 8- And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad,

He has given to the poor;

His righteousness endures forever.”

Barclay says of this ancient Greek word autarkeia: (ow-tar'-ki-ah) “By it they meant a complete self-sufficiency. They meant a frame of mind which was completely independent of all outward things, and which carried the secret of happiness within itself. Contentment never comes from the possession of external things.” “The apostle useth many ‘alls’ on purpose to cross and confute our covetousness, who are apt to think we have never enough.

✓ **4. Giving will impact the thanks of others toward God.**

¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

✓ **5. Giving always sees Jesus- the indescribable gift.**

¹⁵ Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

“When God gives grace, He does not reluctantly open a little finger and maintain a clenched fist full of gifts. I would tell you today that God’s hands are nail-pierced hands and they are wide open. This fountain of grace is always pouring itself out with no limitation on heaven’s side at all.”

- Paul wants to leave the discussion of giving by reminding us again that God is the greatest giver. He gives the gift beyond description: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

“Ah, how many times have I, for one, spoken upon this gift during the last forty years! I have spoken of little else. I heard one who said, ‘I suppose Spurgeon is preaching that old story over again.’ Yes, that is what he is doing; and if he lives another twenty years,

and you come here, it will be ‘the old, old story’ still, for there is nothing like it.”
(Spurgeon)

“If you preach Christ, you will never run short. If you have preached ten thousand sermons about Christ, you have not left the shore; you are not out in the deep sea yet. Dive, my brother! With splendour of thought, plunge into the great mystery of free grace and dying love; and when you have dived the farthest, you will perceive that you are as far off the bottom as when you first touched the surface.” (Spurgeon)

A giver’s **basic motivational drive is to share resources in order to meet needs**. Givers take special delight in discovering needs that others overlook and then meeting those needs.

- **Givers like to stay out of the limelight**, often giving anonymously in order to avoid recognition for their giving.

A Giver’s Strengths

- Givers often like to become personally involved in the lives of the people to whom they give support.
- Regardless of his economic status, a giver hardly ever spends more than he makes. Consequently, he **rarely incurs debt**.
- Givers love to motivate others to save and to give generously.

A Giver’s Weaknesses

- A giver can easily be tempted to judge a person or ministry based on a single incident that appears to reflect poor stewardship or lack of accountability, rather than taking the steps necessary to get an accurate account of the situation.
- A giver can give with strings attached.
- A giver can become proud of how much he gives.

Are You a Giver?