

Giving

The gift of giving is the ability to give of material wealth freely and with joy to further God's causes.

Scriptural References

Mark 12:41-44, Luke 3:11, John 12:3-8, Acts 4:32-35, Acts 16:6-15 Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Biblical Models

The poor widow, Lydia, Acts 2 Christians, Phoebe

People with this gift can

- Manage their finances.
- Shape their lifestyle to fit their discipleship; not the other way round.
- Make sacrificial gifts and offerings in addition to their tithe.
- Giving freely without any thought of return.
- See the connection between money and spirit.

Cautions

- May hold back when facing tight situations in personal finances.
- May attach strings to the gift and try to control the church by giving / withholding.
- May be blessed with financial success and lose this gift.
- May give carelessly and be taken advantage of.
- May not look for ways to multiply the effect of their gifts.
- May think that giving money is all they are called to do.

Personal Traits

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| • Resourceful | • Trusts in God | • Gracious |
| • Responsible | • Cheerful | • Generous |
| • Charitable | • Disciplined | • Thoughtful |

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Develop the daily habit of giving thanks to God for God's blessings.
- Develop the habit of letting your gifts go. Don't hold on. Don't look back. Don't regret.
- Balance foolishness for Christ in your giving with practical wisdom.

Possible Tasks

- Stewardship work, project initiator, kick starting finance campaigns, ...

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

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