

WHY PEOPLE GIVE

Some give out of *gratitude*. They believe God has blessed them. Life is good. Out of *gratitude* they give.

Some give out of *responsibility*. They believe that everything finally belongs to God — that they are managers for God. They use what they reasonably need for themselves, but they use some for others. Out of *responsibility* they give.

Some give out of *loyalty*. They see the church as their extended family, and they want to be loyal to the family. Out of *loyalty* they give for the well-being, as well as the hopes and dreams of their church family.

Some give to *express their inward commitment* to God. They believe that "religion of the heart" must be given hands and feet. Giving is a concrete way of doing so. Out of a desire to *express outwardly their inner convictions* they give.

Perhaps one or more of the above describe your reason for giving. Or perhaps, you have reasons that are uniquely your own. Whatever the case, remember what Jesus promised: When we invest ourselves and our resources beyond ourselves, we discover life at a richer and deeper level. As St. Paul expressed it: "...remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)



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