

GIVING

Literal Meaning: To give part of, share

Description: The gift of **Giving** is the divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask, “How much money do I need to give to God?” but “How much money do I need to live on?”

Distinctives:

- Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give as much of their resources as possible
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the kingdom
- Meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur
- Provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for his provision
- May have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God’s work

Traits:

- Stewardship-oriented
- Responsible
- Resourceful
- Charitable
- Trusts in God
- Disciplined

Cautions:

- Need to esteem their gift, remembering that giving money and resources is a spiritual contribution to the body of Christ
- Need to remember the church’s agenda is determined by leaders, not by the giver’s gift
- Need to guard against greed

Scripture References: Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 6:8; Luke 21:1-4

1. Do you tend to see the needs of others more than other people do?
2. Do you enjoy giving your time, talent, and treasure to others?
3. Do you see giving to a worthwhile project as an exciting honor and privilege?
4. Do you give to the church regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially?
5. Do you often hear people commenting that you are a generous person?
6. Do you find yourself looking for opportunities to give your money—even when no one asks?