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**When you think  
of hearing about  
giving at church,  
how do you feel?**

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# Two promises:

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*or even a hint at it!*

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 No guilt!

# ACTS 16:14

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God.

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## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4

**1** We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,  
**2** for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.



## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4

**3** For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,  
**4** begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.

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**“If we give, we begin to live,  
we get the world.”**

***Dave Matthews***

# 1. Giving brings joy.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4


It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**Blessed** blest, bles-sid (*adj*)  
*from Greek μακάριος*  
Exceedingly happy.

GNT:

There is more happiness  
in giving than in receiving.

**“People rightly say that money cannot buy happiness. But money and happiness are still related in a curious way. Happiness can be the result, not of spending more money on oneself,**



but rather of giving  
money away to others...  
the data examined here show  
this to be not simply a nice idea,  
but a social-scientific fact.”

*Christian Smith and Hillary Davidson,  
“The Paradox of Generosity”*

# 1. Giving brings joy!

# 2. Giving trains us to trust God.

**3. Giving aligns our hearts with God and the things He cares about.**



**4. Giving helps  
us build deep,  
meaningful  
relationships.**

# PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5

**3** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,  
**4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

# PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5

**5** because of your partnership  
in the gospel from the  
first day until now.

**Matt & Loretta – we were speaking with the Amicos and agreed it is essential that the Mancinellis undertake your epic family road trips in style. So we'd like to collectively contribute \$20k toward your vehicle purchase.**



**4. Giving helps us  
build deep,  
meaningful  
relationships.**

**5. Giving helps us  
learn to hear  
God's voice.**

**6. Giving allows  
us to save money  
where it lasts forever.**



# MATTHEW 6:19-20

**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.

**6. Giving allows  
us to save money  
where it lasts forever.**

**7. In giving, we get to share Heavenly credit in the amazing things God is doing around the world.**

# MATTHEW 11:41

**The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.**

# PHILIPPIANS 4:17

**Not that I seek the gift,  
but I seek the fruit that  
increases to your credit.**

**7. In giving, we get to share Heavenly credit in the amazing things God is doing around the world.**

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# *Journey of Generosity*

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