



The Spiritual Gift of Giving

Topic: The Purpose of the Gift of Giving

The Purpose of Gift Giving

- **To share with Others** – believers in the early church had a mindset to give with the intention of sharing everything. (**Acts 2:44–45 & 4:32–35**)
- **To support the Ministry** – believers freely gave to support the workers of the church in spreading the Good News of the Gospel. (**Philippians 4:15–16; 3 John 1:5–8**)
- **To advance God’s Kingdom on Earth** – believers with the gift of giving bring all their tithes and offerings into the storehouse (church) for God’s Kingdom to be advanced. (**Malachi 3:10**)

Characteristics of those with the Gift of Giving

1. Believers with the Gift of Giving often:
 - Give generously and consistently of their resources.
 - Give joyfully without reluctance.
 - Look for opportunities to meet the needs of others.
 - Give without seeking recognition for themselves.
 - Trust God for their personal provisions after generously giving to the church or others. (**Luke 6:38**)

The Heart behind the Gift of Giving – the gift of giving is never about the amount, but the attitude in which the gift was given. God values 5 things in our giving:

- Cheerfulness – **2 Corinthians 9:8–11**
- God’s Provision – **Proverbs 11:25**
- Eternal Rewards – **Matthew 16:27**
- Willingness – **Mark 12:41–44**
- Sacrifice – **Matthew 6:1–4**

For Reflection:

To truly understand the gift of giving, we must recognize its purpose in the Body of Christ and learn how to practice it with the right heart and attitude.