

“I feel pulled in opposite directions over the money issue. Sometimes I want to sell all that I own, join a Christian commune, and live out my days in intentional poverty. At other times, I want to rid myself of guilt and enjoy the fruits of our nation’s prosperity. Mostly, I wish I did not have to think about money at all.” – Philip Yancey

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1. Giving reveals who is first.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

²¹ “For where your treasure is, **there** your heart **will be** also.”

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

³³ But seek **first** His kingdom and His righteousness, and **all these things** will be given to you as well.

For Christian families making less than \$20,000 per year, 8% of them gave at least 10% in tithing. For families making a minimum of \$75,000 or more, the figure drops to just 1%. (Source: Health Research Funding)

Wealth doesn't **change** you, it simply **magnifies** who you already are.

2. Giving removes selfishness and greed.

"I am wired by nature to love the same toys the world loves. I start to fit in. I start to love what others love. I start to call Earth home, and before you know it, I'm calling luxuries needs, and I'm using my money just the way unbelievers do." – John Piper (*Don't Waste Your Life*)

1 John 2:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, **a craving for everything we see**, and pride in our **achievements** and **possessions**. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And **this world is fading away**, along with everything that people crave.

Luke 12:16-21 (VOICE)

¹⁶ A wealthy man owned some land that produced a huge harvest. ¹⁷ He often thought to himself, "I have a problem here. **I don't have anywhere to store all my crops**. What should I do? ¹⁸ I know! I'll tear down my small barns and build even **bigger ones**, and then I'll have plenty of **storage space** for my grain and all my other goods. ¹⁹ Then I'll be able to say to myself, 'I have it made! I can relax and take it easy for **years**! So I'll just sit back, eat, drink, and have a good time!'"

²⁰ Then God interrupted the man's conversation with himself.
"Excuse Me, Mr. Brilliant, but you're a **fool**—your time has come.
Tonight you will die. Now **who** will enjoy everything you've earned
and saved?"

²¹ This is how it will be for people who accumulate huge assets **for themselves** but have no assets in relation to **God**.

Luke 12:21 (MSG)

²¹ "That's what happens when you fill your barn with **Self** and not with **God**."

3. Giving requires trust.

What you **fear** the most reveals what you **value** the most, and where you **trust** God the least.

Pic of Baby Holding Finger.

Pics of Babies Holding Toys.

Pics of Hands on Scooter, Bicycle Handlebars, Bat, Pencil, Instrument.

Pics of Teenagers Holding Hands, Hands on Steering Wheel, Hands on Phone, Hands on Game Controller

Pic of Hands Holding Diploma.

Pic of Hands in Marriage.

Pic of Hands Climbing Ladder.

Pics of Hands Holding Golf Club, Garden Tools, Holding Book.

Pics of Hands Holding Cane, Walker.

Pic of Hand Holding Bed Rail.

Pic of Jesus' Hands Open.

Pic of Jesus' Hand on the Cross.

Luke 19:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, **Lord!** Here and now I **give** half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today **salvation** has come to this house.”

Proverbs 3:5-10 (NIV)

⁵ **Trust** in the Lord with **all your heart** and lean not on **your own understanding**;

⁶ in **all your ways** submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be **wise in your own eyes**; fear the Lord and shun evil.

⁸ This will bring **health** to your body and **nourishment** to your bones.

⁹ **Honor** the Lord with your **wealth** and with the **first** and best part of all your **income**. ¹⁰ Then **every dimension of your life** will **overflow with blessings** from an uncontainable source of inner joy!

If I only trust when it's **comfortable**, I'm actually not trusting at all – I'm **controlling**.