

Alderwood Community Church  
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The Joy of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-4; Luke 12:13-21

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*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* Jesus

When we are generous with God's resources we experience joy.

1. The Joy of Giving begins when I understand that God \_\_\_\_\_  
everything and I'm His money \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*  
**Psalm 24:1** (Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Chronicles 29:14)

2. The Joy of Giving comes when I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God  
with His money.

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your  
barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."*  
**Proverbs 3:9-10** (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)

3. The Joy of Giving comes when I \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
church family.

4. The Joy of Giving comes when I \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
of others.

*"Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty  
welled up in rich generosity."* **2 Corinthians 8:2**

5. The Joy of Giving comes when I \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven.

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy,  
and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in  
and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

**Matthew 6:19-21**

A. The Treasure Principle: *You can't take it with you but you can  
send it on ahead.*

B. You will be \_\_\_\_\_. (**Matthew 10:42; Malachi 3:6**)

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ is God's historical starting place. (**Leviticus 27:30**)

*When you leave this world, will you be known as one who accumulated treasures  
on earth you couldn't keep or will you be recognized as one who invested in  
treasures in heaven you couldn't lose?*