



Metrics Measurements that Matter

Joyful Generosity

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Why would we want to **give** with **joy**?

Matthew 10:8

"...Freely you have received; freely give."

What: There are two **important keys** to understanding joyful generosity

Key #1: Who **owns** your **stuff**?

Psalm 50:10-12

*"for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.
If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it."*

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

From these verses we learn the importance of Key #1

- Everything we have is from Him, by his provision and blessing
- We have to believe this to be joyful as we give
- Could we really give a gift that would impress God?

Key #2: What's the **heart** got to do with generosity?

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Romans 5:17

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Where and When do we grow in joyful generosity?

Acts 20:35

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than receive."

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing...

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

10%

- Godly Guidance
- Metric to measure your giving

How to be a joyful giver

- Pray for God to lead your giving
- Consider where you stand regarding your "stuff" and your heart
- Reflect on your own journey with Jesus
- Review your capacity to give
- Plan your giving
- Set up ways to track giving and review regularly
- Continue to pray

Who: You and me, and everyone else who has decided to follow Jesus

- Track your giving
- Your example will lead others to watch and follow
- Giving keeps your heart engaged in your personal walk of faith
- Giving pleases God and is obedient in using what he's given us
- Expect a deep satisfaction and sense of purpose
- Giving means you are part of Ease the suffering of many who are going through difficult times and circumstances
- You are giving to your own family, the body of Christ
- Joy will continue to grow in your heart and spread to those in your life