

Do Your Dollars Make Sense

Part 4: When You Give

When you give to God's work:

1. You Fulfill Your Purpose

Math formula

Transitive Property of Equality (If $A=B$ and $B=C$, then $A=C$)

Genesis 1:26-27 NIV

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

A = You were created in God's image.

B = God's nature is overflowing generosity

C = There's something deep inside you that's wired for giving

2. You Give God Joy

1 John 3:1a NLT

See how very much **our Father loves us**, for **he calls us his children**, and that is what we are!

2 Corinthians 9:7b NLT

"For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

3. You Put Yourself in a "Bless-Able" Place

Philippians 4:14-19 NLT

Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty. As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. I don't say this because I want a gift from you. **Rather**, I want you to receive a reward for your

kindness. (Bless-able Place) At the moment I have all I need—and more! **I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus.** They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. **And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:32 TPT

For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give.

4. You See More Clearly What Matters

Matthew 6:21 NIV

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

Money isn't just a financial issue. **It's primarily a spiritual issue.**

Where we **send** our money identifies what we value. Spending is a heart issue more than a financial issue!

5. You Partner With God

When you give...you join with God in His mission. And when you give, you're a part of what God is doing everywhere.