

CHURCH Why GIVE & GO?



CHURCH - Why GIVE & GO? (part 2)

TIME & TALENTS are gifts to please the King, point others to Him, & build up our faith family. And if that's true, we must ask ourselves this question: "Am I giving God my best...or my leftovers?"

Why GIVE? **We give generously** [from our *time, talents, & treasure*], **because God has generously given to us!** Everything we have is from God! King David and the people of Israel gave generously to the building of the temple.

1 Chronicles 29:12-17 ¹² Riches and honor come from You, and you are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in Your Hand, and it is in Your Hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ Now therefore, our God, we give you thanks and praise Your Glorious Name. ¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For **everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your Own Hand.** ¹⁵ For we are aliens and temporary residents in your presence as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ LORD our God, **all this wealth that we've provided** for building you a house for Your Holy Name **comes from Your Hand; everything belongs to You.** ¹⁷ I know, my God, that You test the heart and that You are pleased with what is right. I have willingly given all these things with an upright heart, and now **I have seen Your people who are present here giving joyfully and willingly to You.**

YOUR NOTES:

How do we GIVE to God with our TIME & TALENTS?

Do we compartmentalize our lives - "this part is God's - but this part is MINE"? What if we saw every minute, every moment, every talent, as gifts given by God for us to give Him glory!?

WHAT IF we used our TIME and TALENTS to say, "Lord, it is a privilege to honor You today - all day - everywhere I go - using the TIME and TALENTS You have given me!"

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You can use your TIME & TALENTS everywhere you go.

TIME & TALENTS are Gifts to Please the King

Colossians 3:17 ¹⁷ And **whatever you do**, in word or in deed, **do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Paul mentions what that looks like in our families (vv. 18-21), how married couples treat each other, how children and parents treat one another, and even how employees respond to their bosses.

Colossians 3:22-24 ²² Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ **Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people,** ²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.

YOUR NOTES:

TIME & TALENTS are Gifts to Point others to HIM

Matthew 5:16 ...let your light shine before others, so that they may **see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

There could be a time when OTHERS see what WE DO and HONOR GOD for OUR ACTIONS!

YOUR NOTES:

TIME & TALENTS are Gifts to Build Up our Faith Family

Ephesians 4:11-13 ¹¹ And He Himself [Jesus] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² equipping the saints for the work of ministry, **to build up the body of Christ**, ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, **growing into maturity** with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

Spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit to God's people include: *wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation of tongues* (1 Cor 12), *serving, teaching, encouragement, giving, leading, & mercy* (Rom 12). Paul clarifies how believers should use those gifts when he writes these words:

1 Corinthians 14:12 So also you—since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, **seek to excel in building up the church.**

Beyond spiritual gifts, both the Old and New Testament mention people God has gifted with talents, skills, and abilities (i.e. architects, artists, tailors, musicians, singers, and more).

Godly Lady Uses Her TIME and TALENTS to bless others

Acts 9:36, 39 ³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which is translated Dorcas). **She was always doing good works and acts of charity.** [she died, and people sent word to Simon Peter]³⁹ Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. And all the widows approached him, weeping and **showing him the robes and clothes that Dorcas had made while she was with them.**

Read the rest of the story to find out what happened to her!

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👉 **When it comes to my TIME & TALENTS, am I giving God my BEST?**

YOUR NOTES:

- **PRAY** about how to **GIVE & GO**.
- **APPROACH** a leader and ask how you can **PLUG IN**.