

Point 2: Giving _____ a Transformed _____, It's Not a Substitute for One.

Point 3: Giving is an _____ of Worship, Not an Act of _____

Point 4: Giving is an _____ to Trust God with the _____

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Group Questions

1. What is the most meaningful unexpected gift you have ever received? Why did it affect you so deeply?
2. How does remembering that everything belongs to God change the way we view our money, possessions, time, and abilities? (*Haggai 2:8*)
3. Jacob's generosity followed his encounter with God. Why is the order—encounter first, generosity second—so important? (*Genesis 28:22*)
4. How can religious giving become a substitute for justice, mercy, faithfulness, or love? (*Matthew 23:23*; *1 Corinthians 13:3*)
5. What does Zacchaeus's response to Jesus teach us about the connection between a transformed heart and generosity? (*Luke 19:1–10*)
6. What is the difference between giving out of obligation and giving as an act of worship? (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)
7. Why did Jesus say the poor widow gave more than the wealthy people, even though her financial gift was smaller? (*Mark 12:41–44*)
8. What fears or concerns make it difficult for people to trust God with their finances?
9. How can we distinguish biblical trust in God from the false idea that giving guarantees greater financial wealth?
10. What specific step of generosity could you take during the next 90 days with your time, talent, or treasure—and how can the group encourage you?