

# Building A Healthy Church: *GIVING*

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Too many people  
spend money  
they haven't  
earned to buy  
things they don't  
need to impress  
people they  
don't like.

**THEY SAY MONEY  
TALKS, BUT  
MINE  
JUST  
WAVES  
GOODBYE.**



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# 3 key areas of our obedience to follow Jesus as he taught them in Matthew 6

- Matthew 6:3 “when you **GIVE...**”
- Matthew 6:5 “when you **PRAY...**”
- Matthew 6:16 “when you **FAST...**”

A person in a dark suit is shown from the chest up, holding an open book. The background is a light blue architectural blueprint with various lines, dimensions, and labels like 'NEW INTERLOCKING BLOCK RETAINING WALL', 'EXIST. BUILDING', and 'DRIVEWAY'. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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- Emotionally
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- Spiritually

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A person in a dark suit is holding an open book, likely a Bible, in their hands. The background is a light blue architectural blueprint with various lines, dimensions, and labels such as 'NEW INTERLOCKING BLOCK RETAINING WALL', 'EXIST. BUILDING', 'DRIVEWAY', and 'FRONT PORCH'. The overall image has a professional and contemplative feel.

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# MONEY IS A TEST

(Matt 6:1-4, 21-23)

What we do with our  
material treasures  
reveals our heart and  
shapes our heart.

*“And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?”*

Luke 16:11-12 NLT

# 90 day giving challenge to tithe to New Life

Too tough?  
Impossible to do?

.....but look at what  
Scripture says

## 2 Cor 8:1-5

*“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.”*

*“What percentage should you give? I tell people to start with 10 percent because the Bible writers have a lot to say about the tithe, which means, “tenth.” For some people, that's extremely uncomfortable. But so is a colonoscopy, and those save countless lives.”*

[Pastor Andy Stanley](#)

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# MONEY IS A TEMPTATION

(Matt 6:24)

- Life in the world is preoccupied with increasing your standard of living.
- Life in the kingdom of God is preoccupied with increasing the standard of giving.

*““No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord].”*

Matthew 6:24 AMP

# 1 Tim 6:6-10

“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.....

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”

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Money is a temptation (Matt 6:24)

**MONEY IS A TOOL**  
(Matt 6:33)

Money is a tool to build Gods kingdom.

# QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES?

- *Is the way I'm spending this money leading me toward greater trust in God?*
- *Is it moving my heart to treasure what God treasures?*
- *Am I setting myself up to treasure other things?*

# Where Should You Give?

## **WE SHOULD GIVE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH.**

The local church is God's unique institution in the world. It is our opportunity to provide for those leading the church (1 Timothy 5:17-18) and to support its' mission work in the local community and beyond (Philippians 4:15-19).

## **WE SHOULD ALSO GIVE TO THE POOR.**

God has a special concern for those in need (Matthew 25:34-40), as well as widows and orphans (James 1:27).

# Giving to church vision



*To bring the good news  
of New Life in Jesus*



*To represent Jesus by being  
an Ark and Refuge*



*To make Disciples who  
wholeheartedly serve Jesus*



- As leaders we want something **FOR** you: we want to fund the shared dream of building God's Kingdom while also helping you become fully committed and generous disciples of Jesus.
- You can't out give God!
- NOT a "guilt-trip" moment.

# Conclusion:

In the end giving is about a question of good stewardship coming to Him and saying.....

*“Here it is, it’s the best I’ve got, so take it it’s yours, whatever I have I give to you.”*