

# Habits of Disciples: *Giving*

*“Now as you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you also excel in the grace of giving” 2 Cor. 8:7*

**1. GIVING MAKES ME MORE LIKE GOD.**

*“God so loved the world that He gave his only Son” Jn 3:16*

**2. GIVING DRAWS ME CLOSER TO GOD.**

*“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” Mt. 6:21*

**3. GIVING IS AN ANTIDOTE TO MATERIALISM.**

*“Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment.” 1Tim. 6:17*

**4. GIVING STRENGTHENS MY FAITH.**

*“Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house.” Lk. 19:8-9*

**5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY.**

*“Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.” 1Tim. 6:18-19*

**6. GIVING BLESSES ME IN RETURN.**

*“Give and it shall be given to you...for the measure you measure with, will be measured back to you.” Lk. 6:38*

**7. GIVING MAKES ME HAPPY.**

*“keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, “There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”” Acts: 20:35*