



#3 ALL IN Generosity

No Reserves | No Retreats | No Regrets

**BEING ALL-IN WITH JESUS
MEANS LIVING OUT HIS GENEROUS LIFE**

MOTIVATIONS FOR GIVING

- **FEAR** – *If I don't give, God will get his due from me somehow, some way... probably by taking it out of my hide. I sure don't want that, so I'll go ahead and give something.*
- **GUILT** – *If I don't give, I know I'll probably feel bad about it. My conscience will bother me and I hate that, so I guess I'll give.*
- **OBEDIENCE** – *I've been taught that I'm supposed to give—that's what good Christians do—so I give because it's my duty.*
- **DESIRE FOR INCREASED FAITH** – *I want to grow spiritually, and I know giving is part of that, especially in order to grow in faith.*
- **ALTRUISM** – *there are lots of needs out there, and it makes me feel good when others seem blessed by my gifts.*
- **VISION** – *I give to a big vision. If a visionary leader paints a compelling enough picture for me, or pulls on my heartstrings enough, I will likely give more. I give to vision.*
- **JOY** – *I give because I love feeling the joy I have when I do.*
- **STEWARDSHIP** – *I realize I've been entrusted with what I have and will have to give an account of it one day, so I give knowing that is what good stewards do and to please my Master.*
- **COVENANT** – *I feel responsible for the well-being of those I have entered into covenant with, so I give to preserve the health of the church.*
- **PRESENT RETURN** – *I've found that when I give it comes back to me at some point. I want to put the Law of Sowing and Reaping into effect in my life.*
- **GRATEFULNESS** – *I've been given so much by God, so how could I not give back?*
- **LOVE** – *For me, giving my time and resources is an expression and compulsion of my heart, which is committed to what is highest and best for God's kingdom and for others.*
- **FUTURE REWARD** – *I've been taught that giving away my resources is equivalent to making heavenly investments. "Lay up treasure in heaven." Since I know that those will bring the greatest returns, that's why I give.*

"ALL IN GENEROSITY"

1. HUMBLE AND **GRATEFUL**

1 Corinthians 4:7 *What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?*
Matthew 10:8 ... *Freely you have received, freely give.*

2. JOYFUL AND **EAGER**

1 Corinthians 8:1-4 *We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.*

3. THOUGHTFUL AND **CHEERFUL**

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

4. **PLANNED** AND PROPORTIONATE

1 Corinthians 16:1 *Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.*

5. **SACRIFICIAL** AND WORSHIPFUL

2 Corinthians 8:3 *For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.*

6. **CHRIST-LIKE**

2 Corinthians 8:7 *But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

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Steve Benninger, Lead Pastor

