







Making a Difference through Giving

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)
⁷ But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

1. Giving is a privilege that everyone can experience.

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (NIV)
¹ And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

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Luke 21:1-4 (NIV)
¹ As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

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Luke 18:22-23 (NIV)
²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.

2. Giving breaks the stronghold of materialism and the fear of poverty.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)
⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)
⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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Acts 20:35 (NIV)
³⁵ ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

3. Giving is a vital part of worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)
¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

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2 Corinthians 8:5 (NIV)
⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

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2 Corinthians 8:8-9 (NIV)
⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

How each member can help the leaders to successfully lead Christian Community Church

- Pray for the leaders and their families.
- Keep your heart attitude right

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)
¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

The Charge to Elders

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV)
¹ To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;

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1 Peter 5:2- 4 (NIV)
not greedy for money, but eager to serve;
³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.
⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.
