

# Giving

## Treasure - Talents - Time

What do you think about this stat? 1.5 million out of 247 million identifying Christians in the U.S. give.

- Why do you think we hold so tightly to our money (treasure)?

Jesus spoke more about money than he did about sex, heaven, and hell. Money is a big deal to Jesus. Our attitude towards it is super important.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! ~ 1 Chronicles 29:14

- Thoughts on what this verse is saying?

Our greatest motivation for cheerful and generous giving should be that it pleases the Lord and reflects His gift of salvation to us.

Unless you learn to enjoy what money cannot buy, you will never enjoy what money can buy. ~ Pastor Rick

- Are you using your **talents** to serve Jesus and further His kingdom?
- If not, what could you be doing? Is God leading you to serve, but you have been afraid to take that step?

A talent is the result of genetics and/or training, while a spiritual gift is the result of the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Are you using your **time** wisely, for the kingdom? If not, would you be willing to share what you might need to do to change that?

When we sacrifice our time to serve we are becoming more like Jesus.

- Do you see each of these, Treasure - Talents - Time as acts of worship? Why?

The life of a follower of Jesus should be a life of giving... our treasure, our talents and our time.

