

Giving: An Act of Grace

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Luke 6:38

The message of salvation allures our hearts to support the work of the gospel. In 2 Corinthians 8-9, Paul teaches that a giving heart is created and sustained only by God’s undeserved gift of Christ to sinners as proclaimed in the gospel. Paul depicts financial giving as an act of grace. He urges believers to excel in acts of grace (2 Cor. 8:7) in order to advance the work of the body of Christ--the church.

Sacrificial, joyful, generous giving is a chief implication of the gospel being the gospel (2 Cor. 8:2; 2 Cor. 9:7). Generous giving is the overflow of a heart enticed and won by grace. It is not forced by guilt, fear or selfish desire for reward (2 Cor. 8:8-10; 2 Cor. 9:7). Only the gospel causes a heart to overflow in a wealth of eager, cheerful generosity towards others (2 Cor. 8:2-5).

Like Paul to the Corinthians, we invite you to support the ministry of Triad Baptist Church in order to advance the gospel (2 Cor. 9:10-15). Our collection is an integral part of the ministry of the gospel. Your generosity will not only supply the needs of the saints but also overflow in many thanksgivings to the glory of God (2 Cor. 9:12-13)!

3 Ways to Give...

1. CAMPUS GIVING: While you’re attending on Sunday at TBC, you can use giving envelopes or the worship offertory for your convenience and security.

2. SMART GIVING: Smart Giving is the easiest and best way to give at TBC. If you’d like to be a smart giver, you can give on-line or on your phone. Text 73256 from your smart phone, click the “GIVE” button on the home page of tbcnow.org, or use your MyTBC account to schedule your giving.

3. NON-CASH GIVING: Did you know you can donate non-cash gifts like stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or cars? Email dennis.roberts@tbcnow.org for details!



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Radical Giving

GOD PROSPERS US NOT TO INCREASE OUR STANDARD OF LIVING
BUT TO INCREASE OUR STANDARD OF GIVING



God doesn't need money...he needs hearts!



After years of searching for the meaning of existence, at age 37, Wayne Newkirk became a child of God. The change in his way of

thinking was immediate. As a new Christian, he began seeking God earnestly, desiring to know Him better and longing for ways to grow. Wayne was a businessman, so he naturally plotted out a process. First, he wanted to get his family into a Bible-believing church with godly teaching, but he knew that church attendance, alone, would not be enough. Realizing that he would need to invest some one-on-one time with God, he devoted time each day to personal study and devotion. It was then that he learned that Jesus, too, was a "business man" of sorts. Jesus was in the business of saving the lost, healing the broken, and building the church. Jesus taught the principle of giving. In fact, during his studies, Wayne found over 100 verses on finances and giving. He could give! "When I led a Crown Ministry course I discovered that Jesus said a lot about finances and possession, 2300 verses on finances/possessions and how we should deal with them. Jesus did, indeed, say a lot about giving." He found his niche—something he could do to honor God.

Having been blessed with a talent for business development, Wayne and his wife, Zaida, felt lead to give financially—to the poor and to the church. He felt the tug on his heart to care for others by becoming a generous giver. They began by giving a small tithe, then contributions to church ministries, then money to the poor. The more he

gave the more contentment he felt. Suddenly, he realized that it's not about *giving* as much as it is about *following*. Wayne says, "God didn't need my money...he needed my heart." It was as if God was saying: "Love me by loving others. There was a time when we had not received a pay check in a year and a half so we decided to sell a portion of land in order to have some funds to live off of; I prayed and ask God to help us find work. A massive ice storm hit Martinsville, Virginia and within a week our business jumped six times. Then in the next four years our business increased another four times. This was certainly God at work, all we did was manage the assets that He had given us."

Wayne wanted to make sure that he wasn't just giving to get something in return; so, he re-evaluated and asked God to close doors that might cause him to get off track with his calling. God began to give him a new mission—to mentor others on how to give. He wanted to teach that you truly do reap what you sow, and by giving you have the opportunity to reap blessings that are far greater than one could imagine. "Do I reap monetarily? Do I reap with physical gain? Not necessarily, what I reap is joy and satisfaction. Knowing that, through giving, I am helping grow God's church. I pray for humility and that my focus is always on the concrete fact that I can do nothing without God."

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What is Radical Living?

Recently, Triad Baptist Church implemented the Radical Living giving course. Desiring to create a culture of generosity, TBC encourages you to think creatively about how you can give more fully to the efforts of our ever-expanding, God-inspired vision.

Jay Tyner, the Chair of the TBC Estate Planning Team, and his associate, Eric Mattinson, are available upon request for free consultations.

Think Creatively!

In addition to regular offertory giving, non cash gifts may be given. Various kinds of securities, insurance products, automobiles, livestock, jewelry, and other items of value may be unencumbered and given outright to the church. If a gift is determined to be acceptable to the church, the gift will be immediately sold in a manner deemed most appropriate by the church. Gifts of real estate may be given with an appropriate title search, environmental evaluation, survey, and appraisal.

Contributions to the Radical Living program are tax deductible and may be made payable to Triad Baptist Church. You may give in person by setting up an appointment with Executive Director, Dennis Roberts, or on-line at tbcnow.org.

For more information about this program, our leaders, or creative giving, contact TBC at **336.996.7573** or Email dennis.roberts@tbcnow.org, jay@semmax.com, or eric@semmax.com.

