



C.S. Lewis & brother (Warren)

The Agape Fund

If the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, then perhaps the love of generosity is the root of all kinds of good.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

➤ **Logeia** — a collection

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

1 Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

➤ **Eulogia** — a blessing

2 Corinthians 9:5

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

➤ **Leitourgia** — a liturgical or priestly act

Romans 15:26-27

26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. 27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

➤ **Koinonia** — fellowship or communion

2 Corinthians 8:2-4

2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

➤ **Diakonia** — ministry or service

2 Corinthians 9:12-13

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.



"Money flows effortlessly to that which is its god." – Tim Keller

Theophilus Hastings & Selina Shirley, 1728
(Earl of Huntingdon)

"Mr. Whitfield, I watched God save souls through the light of his all-glorious gospel, and now I see the one thing worth living for must be the proclaiming of the love of God to man in Jesus Christ. I am nothing — Christ is all." – Lady Huntingdon



- ☐ **Define "Enough"**
Set a clear standard for sufficiency. Everything beyond that line?
Treat it as seed, not surplus.
- ☐ **Pick a Stretch Percentage**
Choose a level of giving that stretches your faith, joyfully, not reluctantly.
Don't wait to feel rich to start living generously.
- ☐ **Practice Secret Giving**
Give in hidden ways that bypass applause, it purifies the motive and deepens the joy.
- ☐ **Create an Agape Fund**
Set aside money exclusively for kingdom generosity.
Not for upgrades, just for impact. Start small and scale it up.

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