

Why We Give

I. Introduction

II. Why We Give

- A. We give as an act of obedience.
- B. We give because of future preference.
- C. We give because what we do here affects eternity.
 - 1. Matthew 6:19-21 (NAS) ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- D. We give because we'll never be able to out give God.
 - 1. Luke 6:38a (NAS) "Give and it will be given unto you."
- E. We give because once we started, we never stopped!
- F. We give to position ourselves for God's blessing and protection.
 - 1. Malachi 3:10-12 (NAS) ¹⁰"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. ¹¹Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts. ¹²"All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.
 - 2. Malachi 3:8-9 (NAS) ⁸"Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!"
 - 3. Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NAS) ¹⁷"Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' ¹⁸But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth."
 - 4. Psalm 24:1 (NAS) The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.
 - 5. Proverbs 3:9-10 (NAS) ⁹Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; ¹⁰so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.

G. We give because we said we would.

1. Ecclesiastes 5:4 (NAS) *When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow!*

H. We give because you can't take it with you!

I. We give because we love the culture and vision of this church.

III. Conclusion