

## *It Factor* “Give It Up!”

### Why Should I Financially Give to the Lord?

1. Giving makes me *more like God*.

- **John 3:16a:** “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...”

2. Giving draws me *closer to God*.

- **Matt. 6:21:** “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

3. Giving is the antidote to *materialism*.

- **1Tim. 6:17:** “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.”

4. Giving is an investment *in eternity*.

- **1 Tim. 6:18-19:** “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> 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.”

5. Giving strengthens *my faith*.

- **Prov. 3:5-6, 9-10:** “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. <sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

6. Giving blesses me *in return*.

- **Prov. 11:25; 22:9a:** “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. <sup>9</sup> The generous will themselves be blessed.”

7. Giving *brings me joy*.

- **Acts 20:35b:** “...the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

### How Should I Financially Give to the Lord

My attitude in giving is important to God: I must give worshipfully with an *attitude of gratitude* – thoughtfully, enthusiastically, willingly, & cheerfully.

- **2 Cor. 9:7:** “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not

*reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*