



“Giving”

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Acts 2:45 (ESV) *And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

- **Giving is a sacred practice of obedience that we celebrate with Christian community.**
- **Giving is not a way to buy into the Kingdom.**
- **Giving is a practice that demonstrates and declares...**
- **Giving is a remembrance of what Christ did for you. Giving is something all believers share in common.**
- **Giving signifies that I am part of the body of Christ.**
- **Giving is not a law; it's a condition of the heart.**
- **Giving is sacred in that it shows my dependence on Christ.**
- **Giving meets needs in community.**

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT) *You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.*

1 Corinthians 13:3 (NLT) *If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.*