

## How to Love Giving Your Money Away

**“Just when we really get going in worship we have to stop and take up the offering.”** That was the comment a staff member, at another church, made a few years back when asked about the offering time at their church. It might not surprise you that with that attitude, giving had declined the year before at this church. Sadly this attitude permeates the Church today.

We never apologize here for taking up the offering. **The main reason why is, the offering is not an interruption to worship. The offering IS worship!** When you give you are showing your love for God and your obedience to Him. After all we are commanded to be generous. The offering allows you the opportunity to obey Him and to worship Him.

Let's be honest. For most of us we struggle with giving away our hard earned money. We have bills to pay and stuff we want. Giving is often far down on our list of priorities. How can we love giving away what we, frankly love, our money?

There are several things that I can think can help us love to give. For one thing when we give we are giving back to God only a portion of the many blessings He has given us. Realizing His graciousness to us allows us to be gracious in our giving.

Here is another reason we can love giving. God has promised us that when we give He will bless us. You can talk to generous people and none will ever tell you that they out gave God. Jesus said, “Give and it will be given to you.” That is just one of tons of promises on giving in the Bible.

Finally, let me share with you another reason to love giving. When you give here your gift is used to impact people for Christ. Just this summer we have seen...

- List several victories you have seen this summer.

Knowing that my gift makes a difference makes me feel good. Thinking of giving in these terms makes giving more fun and will over time create within you a love of giving. So, this morning let's worship through our offering with generous gifts.