
Why?



Who Wore This $2,000 Givenchy sweater?

A. Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson

B. Drake

C. Tim Tebow

D. A Pastor



ANSWER:

D. Pastor


WHY
Give?



2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.




Christian giving is a response to the generosity of Christ who gave Himself for us.

The Words of Jesus on Money:

You cannot serve both God and money…

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God…

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth…But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven…For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.


The way we spend our time and the way we spend our money says what's really important to us.




God expects your generosity to bless your community and your neighbors.

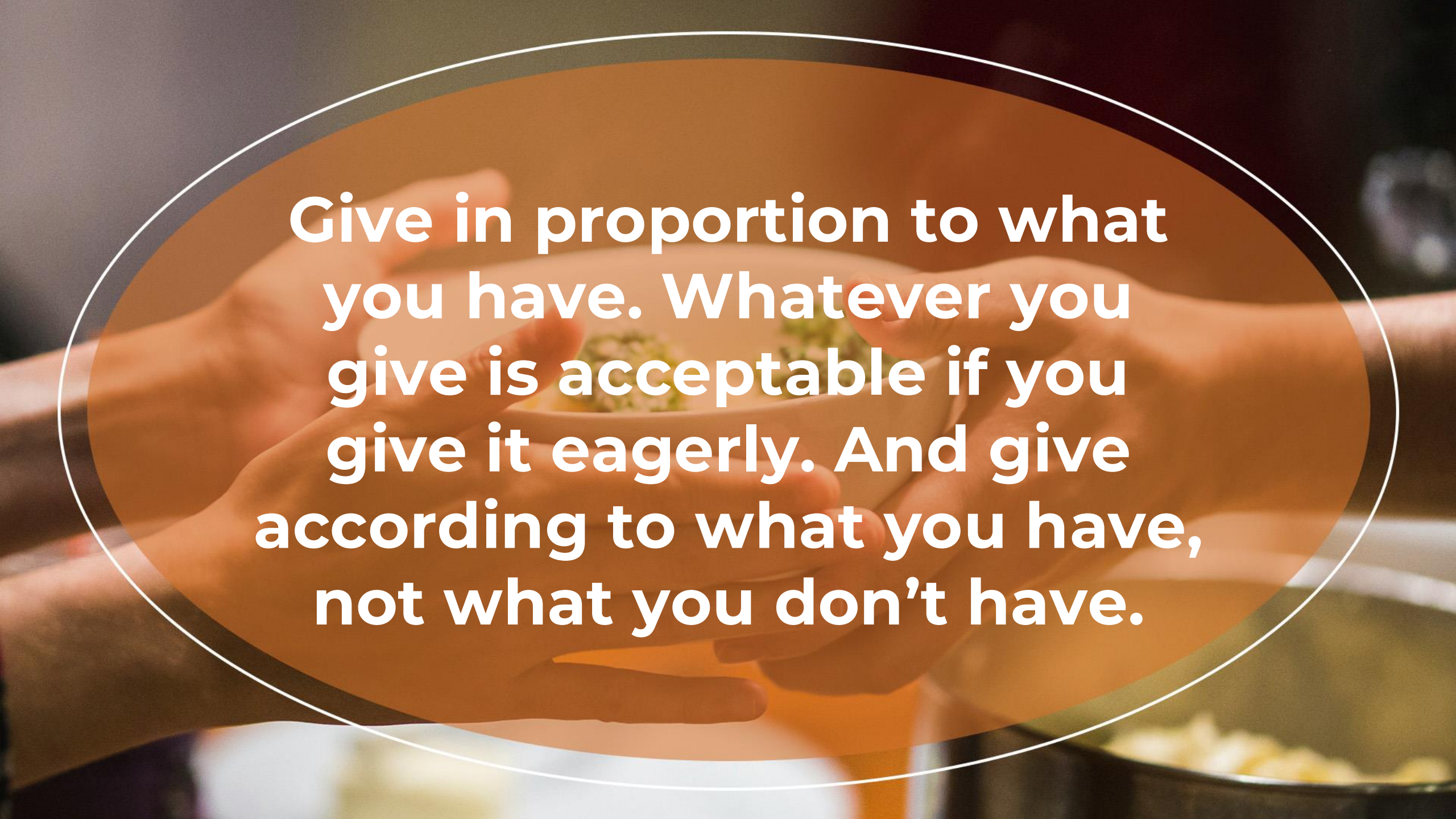
1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God’s people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.



2 Corinthians 8:11-15

Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don’t have. Of course, I don’t mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal.


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2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

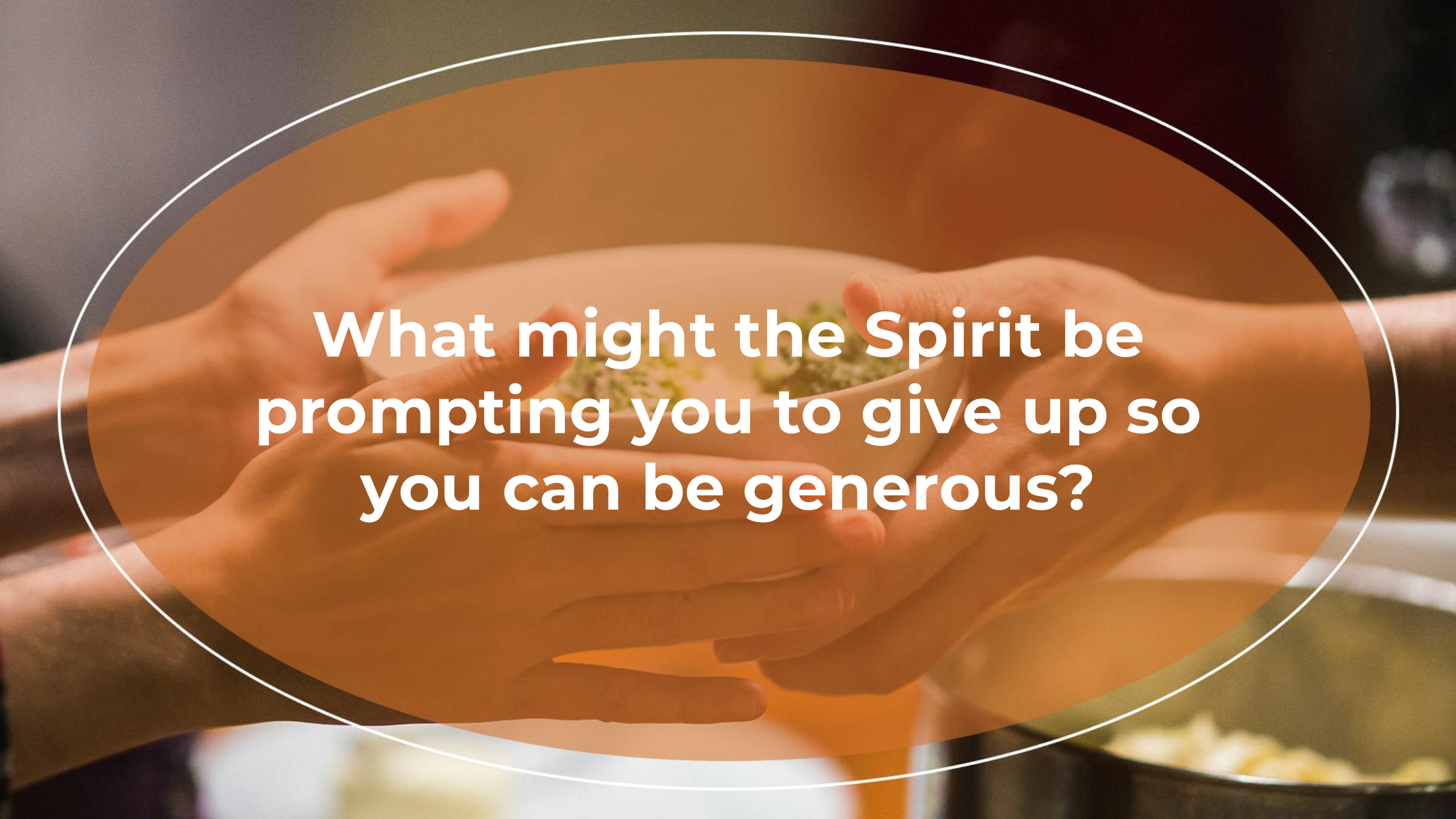
For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.





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What might the Spirit be prompting you to give up so you can be generous?

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 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.” And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9:10

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.



Where Does Money Go?

- International Missions
- Local Missions & Partnerships
- Discipleship & Evangelism
- Building & Staffing costs
- Loan Repayment



Why Do We Give?

Giving is our response to the generosity of Christ, so:

- We give regularly and generously.
- We give proportionally to what we have, as the Spirit leads.
- We give with joy overflowing from what Christ has done for us.


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RESOURCES