



The Spiritual Gift of Giving

Definition

The gift of Giving is the God-given ability to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and generosity.

Gifts in Action

Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, demonstrated this gift at a supper for Jesus in Bethany. She donated a very expensive jar of perfume to pour on the feet of Jesus as an act of love and devotion. Her sacrificial giving was criticized by Judas who selfishly wanted to keep the money. Mary's act of giving provided comfort and support to the One who gave his life for us all. (John 12:3-8)

Scripture References for Giving

- Romans 12:8
- 2 Corinthians 6:8
- Luke 21:1-4

People With This Gift Like to...

- Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to donate as much of their resources as possible.
- Meet tangible needs so that spiritual growth in others can develop.
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts in order to advance the work of the church.

Characteristics of People With Giving

- Resourceful
- Responsible
- Stewardship-oriented
- Charitable
- Disciplined

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Giving

- Provide support for missionaries
- Establish trust accounts and foundations to provide ongoing resources for ministry
- Share testimonies of how God has provided for your needs
- Assist with fundraising projects

RECOMMENDED READING:

The Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

Giving & Tithing: Larry Burkett

The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn