



Main point - The grace of God enables us to give joyfully and generously for his glory and the good of others.

1 - The fuel of giving—the grace of God

- a) God is the one who graciously gives us everything we have
- b) God graciously provides the ultimate example of giving
- c) God graciously strengthens us to give

2 - The heart of giving—joy and generosity

3 - The goal of giving—the glory of God and the good of others

#1 :

Acts 17:25

God himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

#2 :

1 Corinthians 4:7

What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?"

#3 :

John 3:27

John answered, 'A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.'

#4 :

1 John 4:10-11

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

#5 :

"We are by nature excessively ungenerous—because we are prone to distrust, which tempts every one to retain with eager grasp what belongs to him. For correcting this fault, we must lay hold of this promise—that those that do good to the poor do no less provide for their own interests than if they were watering their lands. For by giving to those in need, like so many canals, they make the blessing of God flow forth towards themselves, so as to be enriched by it."

John Calvin

#6 :

1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

#7 :

"If God's Word became visible, our words must too. We cannot announce God's love with credibility unless we also exhibit in action."

John Stott

#8 :

Psalm 112:4-5, 7, 9

God himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. . . . His heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor.