



**DARING FAITH: Daring To Be Generous— Pastor Alton Trimble**  
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**WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE: SEVEN (7) BENEFITS TO MY LIFE**

**1. GIVING MAKES ME MORE LIKE GOD.**

II Corinthians 9:15 (NLT)

*Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!*

Ephesians 5:1 (NLT)

*Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.*

**2. GIVING DRAWS ME CLOSER TO GOD.**

Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

*Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

II Chronicles 1:7-12 (NLT)

*That night God appeared to Solomon and said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"<sup>8</sup> Solomon replied to God, "You showed great and faithful love to David, my father, and now you have made me king in his place.<sup>9</sup> O LORD God, please continue to keep your promise to David my father, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth!<sup>10</sup> Give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead them properly, for who could possibly govern this great people of yours?"<sup>11</sup> God said to Solomon, "Because your greatest desire is to help your people, and you did not ask for wealth, riches, fame, or even the death of your enemies or a long life, but rather you asked for wisdom and knowledge to properly govern my people—<sup>12</sup> I will certainly give you the wisdom and knowledge you requested. But I will also give you wealth, riches, and fame such as no other king has had before you or will ever have in the future!"*

- The Bible says, "Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!" – I Chronicles 29:14

**3. GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO MATERIALISM.**

I Timothy 6:17-18 (NKJV)

*Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.<sup>18</sup> Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share.*

**4. GIVING STRENGTHENS MY FAITH.**

Proverbs 3:5, 9 (NLT)

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

*<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.*

Luke 6:38 (NLT)

*Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*

**5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY.**

1 Timothy 6:18,19 (NLT)

*Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. <sup>19</sup> By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.*

**6. GIVING BLESSES ME IN RETURN**

- There are numerous promises of God's blessings to those that give.

Proverbs 22:9 (NLT)

*Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.*

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)

*The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*

Psalms 112:5 (NLT)

*Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly.*

Psalms 41:1 (NLT)

*Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The LORD rescues them when they are in trouble.*

**7. GIVING BRINGS ME JOY.**

Acts 20:35 (NLT)

*And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*