



WHY WE GIVE



THE WHY BEHIND GIVING

John 3:16 reminds us that “... *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son.*” There are three simple but profound life lessons we learn from John 3:16 about true biblical generosity:

1. **It is always motivated by love, not law** – *God loved, so He gave.*
2. **It reveals our priorities and the things we value most** – *He loved the WORLD.*
3. **It is measured not by what we give, but by what we keep for ourselves.** – *God held nothing back; He gave His very best, His only begotten son.*

Luke 6:38 (NIV) ³⁸“*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*”

Ultimately, we give because at Elevate Life Church we believe that **giving is a biblical principle**. It's a lifestyle marked by generosity that produces a rich harvest in our lives.

While financial giving is a starting point, we believe that giving isn't limited to your finances. When we live with the

biblical principle of giving, we give of our **time**, our **talent**, and our tithes and offerings (our **treasure**). By living out this principle, we are putting God first in every aspect of our lives and we believe that in so doing we are living a life that God can truly bless. He can make sure the right doors open, the right alignments happen, and the right opportunities take place for us to walk in His blessing and favor.

While we believe that a life of giving is fundamental to a life that God can bless, **we do not give simply to receive, but to honor God first in every area.**

God is more concerned with the condition of our hearts as we give, rather than how much we give. We put God first with our tithe, we honor

God with our offerings, and we serve to advance God's Kingdom on the earth with our time and talent.

Are you needing a miracle or a breakthrough in your life? Try giving. God says, “*Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*”

THE WHY OF FIRST FRUITS AND OFFERINGS

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹*Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase;* ¹⁰*So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.*

At Elevate Life, **we honor God by returning the FIRST 10%** of all our earnings to Him. When we do so faithfully, we are acknowledging God's sovereignty over our lives and our resources. **We believe that first fruiting is a commandment from God that comes with a promise.** His promise to us is that He will bless and multiply everything that we set our hand to because we have made Him FIRST in our lives (Malachi 3:8-12).

Returning the first fruits of our increase is not an Old Testament or New Testament issue. The principle of tithing predates Mosaic Law, first appearing in Genesis 14 when Abraham brought his tithe to the High Priest. In Genesis 28:22 Jacob also presented his tithe. Both of these events came before the law was established. Tithing also appears in the New Testament in Matthew 23:23.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NKJV) ⁶*But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* ⁷*So let each one give*

as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

Offerings are financial gifts we bring “over and above” our first fruits. Offerings can be general or designated for a specific purpose. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 gives us a few guidelines on how to bring offerings:

Give Generously – v6 “But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

Give Intentionally – v7a “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart...”

Give Cheerfully – v7b “... not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Give In Faith and Expectation – v8 “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING?

THE DREAM

The Dream is an offering that sows into the vision God has given Elevate Life – to lead people to discover God, develop themselves, and be deployed into leadership with a biblical world view. Together we can accomplish this great vision – for today’s generation and those yet to come.

2 Chronicles 7:15-16 (NKJV) *¹⁵Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. ¹⁶For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.*

The Dream is about leaving a legacy for His Kingdom!

OPERATION ELEVATION

Operation Elevation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization within the Frisco community. Its purpose is to meet the benevolent needs of those in our region and around the world.

We support agencies like Frisco Family Services, Samaritan Inn, City Impact, and Emily’s Place.

Operation Elevation along with our partner agencies have been instrumental in helping families in crisis and entire communities during major catastrophic events like hurricanes, tornados, and earthquakes.

If you’d like more information about Operation Elevation please go to our website at: ElevateLife.com/Giving

MISSIONS

Elevate Life Church partners with different ministries to reach the lost throughout the earth. We also send missions teams from our congregation annually.

Romans 10:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

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