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(Mark 12:41,43 ESV)

1. Giving is a Matter of Faith



But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

(Matthew 6:33 ESV)



Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

(Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV)



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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

(2 Corinthians 8:2, 9:8 ESV)

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Sacrifice is the True Measure of Giving



#### **CS** Lewis

I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusement, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

If our giving does not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say it is too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot because our commitment to giving excludes them.



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## 3. Giving is a Matter of Focus



And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers.

They will receive the greater condemnation."

(Luke 20:45-47 ESV)



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