LIFE NOTES
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Financial Fitness
"Why Give?"

WHY GIVE?

1. To provide for the _____.

Numbers 18:21 "I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the tent of meeting." (NIV)

1 Timothy 5:17-18 "17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18 For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." (NIV)

2. To help _____.

Proverb 28:27 "Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses." (NIV)

Acts 10:3-4 "3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" 4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God." (NIV)

3. To support _____ and _____.

Philippians 4:14-19

4. Because a portion of my income _____.

Leviticus 27:30 "One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to Him as holy." (NLT)

5. It teaches me to make sure God is _____ in my life.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 "23 Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. **The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives**." (LB)

6. It _____ to God.

Matthew 6:19-21 "19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." (NLT)

7. It protects me from the _____.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 "17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and **to be generous and willing to share**. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (NIV)

8. Because God will _____.

Proverbs 3:9-10 "9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. 10 Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine." (NLT)

9. It brings _____ to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11-15

10. Because God is a _____.

a) The _____. **Genesis 1:27-31**
b) His _____. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
c) His _____. **Ephesians 2:8**
d) The _____. **John 14:16-17**
e) _____. **1 John 5:11-12**
f) His _____.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that **HE GAVE** His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Psalm 116:12 "How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?" (The Mes)

Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, **to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." (NIV)

Psalm 96:7-8 "7 O nations of the world, recognize the Lord; recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. 8 Give to the Lord **the glory** He deserves! Bring your offering and come into His courts." (NLT)