

# 10 Reasons You Should (or Should Not) Give Money to the Church

## 3 Reasons You Shouldn't Give

1. **Do not give in response to the greed of others.** (1 Peter 5:2–3)
2. **Do not give because you think you have to.** (2 Corinthians 9:7)
3. **Do not give as a replacement for truly following Christ.** (Matthew 23:23; 1 Corinthians 13:3)

## 7 Reasons You Should Give

1. **Give because it's all God's anyway.** (Proverbs 3:9, Malachi 3:8–10)
2. **Give so that the needy are fed.** (Acts 4:33–35)
3. **Give so that the workers are paid.** (1 Timothy 5:17–18; 1 Corinthians 9:13–14)
4. **Give as an investment in your own spiritual development.** (1 Timothy 6:10; Hebrews 13:5)
5. **Give because you believe that a heavenly reward is worth more.** (Luke 12:32–34; Matthew 19:21; 1 Timothy 6:17–19)
6. **Give as an act of trust in God.** (Malachi 3:10; Mark 12:41–44; Psalms 4:5)
7. **Give to free yourself.** (Matthew 6:24; Revelation 3:17)

## Discussion Questions

- Which of these ten reasons resonates most deeply with you?
- Which of these ten reasons have you typically ignored, or to which should you pay more attention?
- Are there other reasons that someone *should not* support the church financially?
- Are there other reasons that someone *should* support the church financially?