

What happens when God's people give?

"I spent my whole life wondering what I wanted out of life."  
– Wyatt Earp, *Tombstone*

What changes inside you when you give to God's mission?

- You are freed from the oppressive masters of fear, greed, and control-freakism – Matthew 6:19-24 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.<sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,<sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*
- You experience God showing up in a very real way – Proverbs 11:24-25 *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.<sup>25</sup> Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*

What changes outside of you when you give to God's mission?

- Lives are transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ both locally and internationally.
  - Grace Online impact:  USA,  India,  The Bahamas,  Puerto Rico,  Kenya,  Brazil,  Colombia,  Philippines,  Canada,  Haiti,

 South Africa,  Jamaica,  Honduras,  Uganda,  
 United Kingdom,  Costa Rica,  Peru,  
 Pakistan,  Germany,  Dominican Republic,  
 Indonesia,  Romania,  France,  Sweden,  
 Malawi,  Mexico,  Spain,  Argentina,  
 Australia,  Nigeria,  Norway,  Tanzania,  
 New Zealand,  Bolivia,  Hungary,  
 Myanmar,  Greece,  Malaysia,  Guatemala,  
 Venezuela,  Guyana,  Zambia,  Netherlands,  
 Sri Lanka,  Taiwan,  Czech Republic,  Benin,  
 Singapore,  Bangladesh,  Estonia,  Aruba,  
 Switzerland,  Malta,  Mozambique,  
 Turkey,  United Arab Emirates,  Angola,  
 Italy,  South Korea,  Lebanon,  Mongolia,  
 Turks and Caicos Islands,  Bahrain,  Egypt,  
 Ghana,  Kingdom of Jordan,  Japan,  
 Kuwait,  Luxembourg,  Montenegro,  Oman,  
 Sudan,  Slovenia,  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,  U.S. Virgin Islands,  Vietnam, The Republic of Texas

- Grace Online regularly blocked by government censors: Cuba, Syria, Iran, North Korea
- Children learn God’s Word (AWANA Wednesdays @6:30 p.m.): What we learn young, stays with us.
- Children get their parents back: Grace Recovery Church.
- Practical needs are met.
- Recidivism fades: The revolving door of incarceration grinds to a halt.
- Orphans find a family and a home.
- Future pastors and missionaries are equipped to lead.
- Your impact can last far beyond your life: Legacy Giving.

“I have oftentimes said, that almsgiving hath been introduced not for the sake of the receivers, but of the givers, for the latter are they which make the greatest gain.” - John Chrysostom<sup>1</sup>

Steps that every Christian can take

- 1) Partner with your local church: Start giving. Get to tithing. Look beyond.
- 2) Press on with learning: New 3-week class, *Money Goals*. Starts Nov. 7 in Chapel @11:30 am.
- 3) Plan your Legacy giving: Align your will (Estate Planning) with God’s will.  
<https://gracefellowship.squarespace.com/legacygiving>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Homilies of S. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, on the Epistles of St. Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians* (Oxford; London: John Henry Parker; J. G. F. and J. Rivington, 1843), 165.