

# **“It is Good for You”**

## **Why should I give? – Part 1**

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**Ecclesiastes 5:10-15** The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

<sup>11</sup> When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

<sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep.

<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. <sup>15</sup> As they came from their mother’s womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands.

Matthew 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

#### **Wrong motivations for giving:**

- a. You are not buying your way into heaven
  
- b. It is not so that God will multiply our finances.
  
- c. It is not to impress others.

#### **Right motivations for giving**

- a. Giving makes us more in love with Jesus (Matthew 6:19-21)
  
- b. It breaks selfishness and consumerism (Matthew 19:16-30)
  
- c. It increases your joy (Matthew 13:44)
  
- d. It communicates your trust (Matthew 6:19-21, 33)