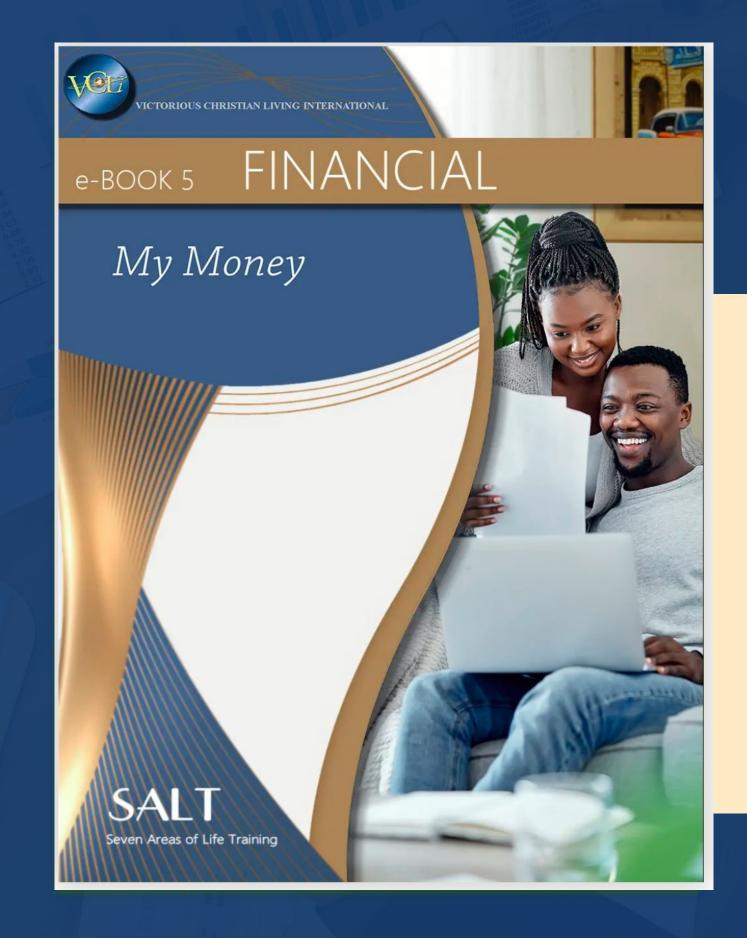


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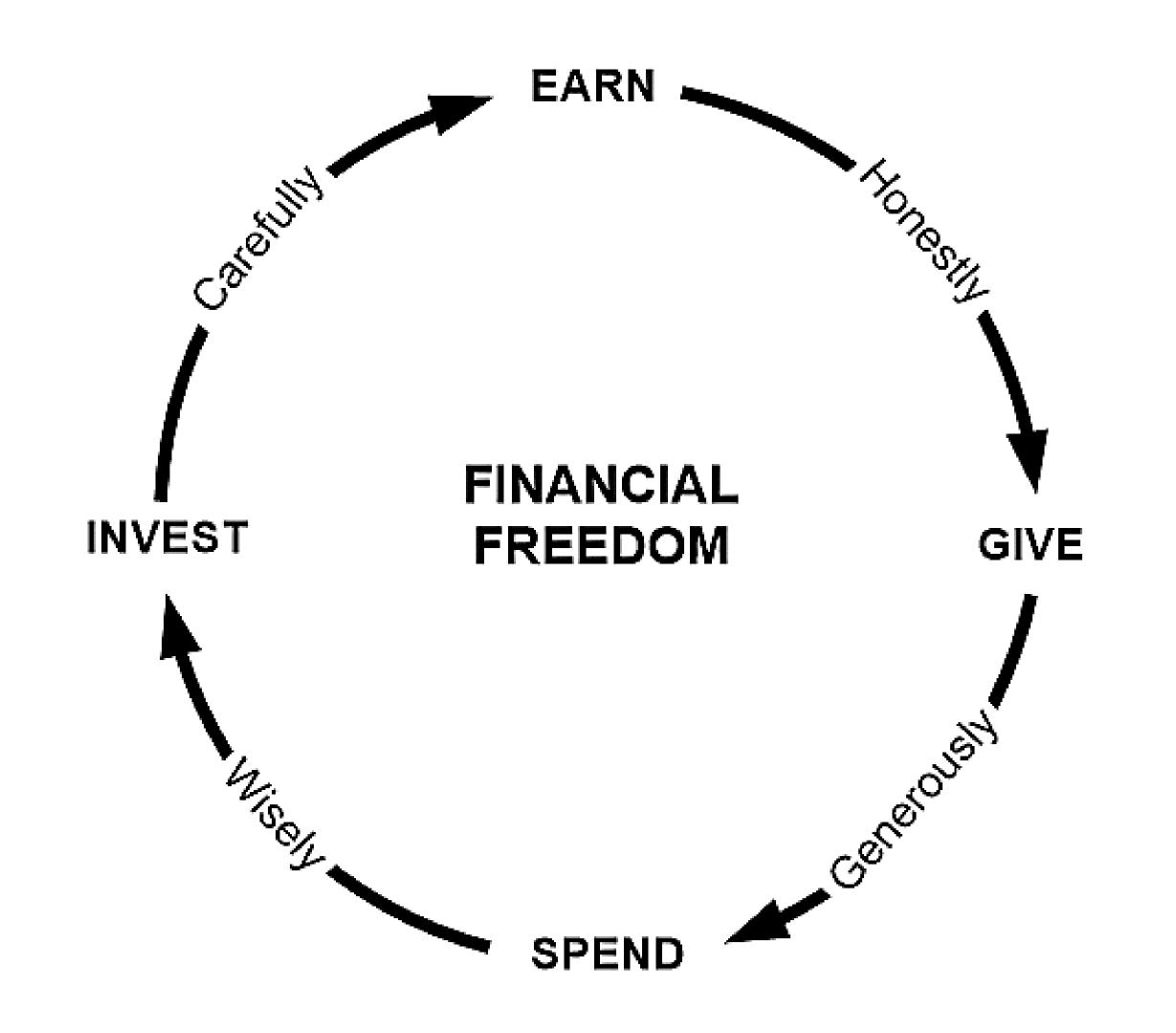
# Financial Class

Welcome!









#### Financial Freedom

Q1. Do YOU think it matters to God how YOU earn it?





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# Q14. What would YOU do with YOUR time if YOU had financial freedom?





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#### Financial Freedom

## God's Word

# Was there a verse from Lesson 1 that touched YOU or spoke to YOU in some way?



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# Q15. Are you willing to do whatever He wants you to do with your finances?



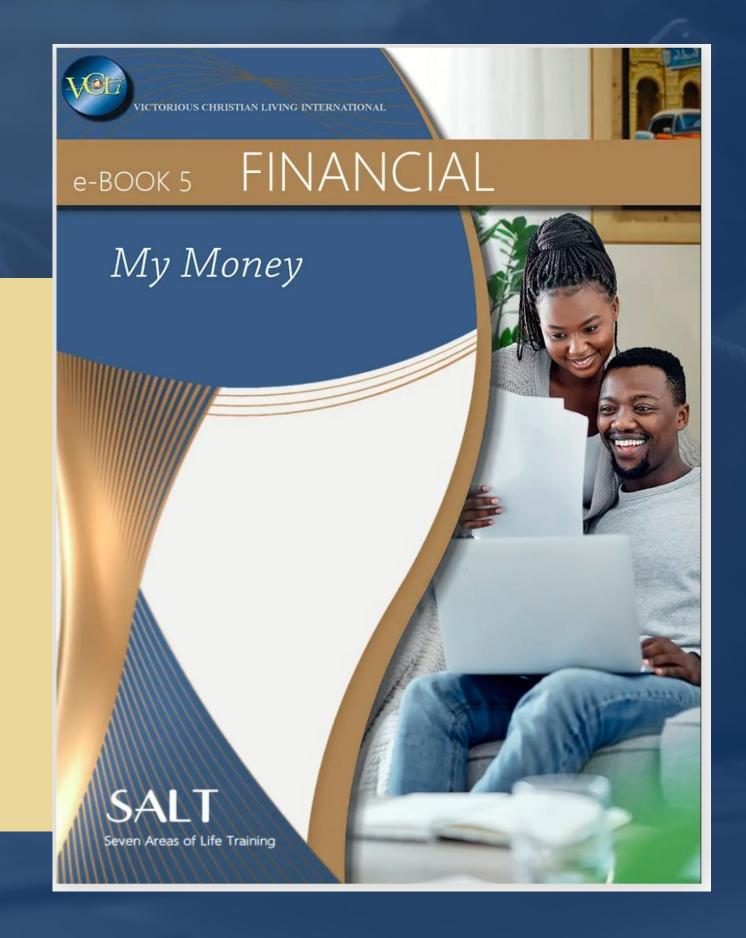


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# Financial Lesson 2

GIVE GENEROUSLY





"If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving – large or small – it will be used to measure what is given back to you." Luke 6:38 (NLT)



Giving is a supernatural way to bring an increase to your finances.

Getting ahead by giving really doesn't make any sense but God says that if you give, He will bless you. In fact, God says that He will prove to you that giving works.





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"If you do,' says the LORD Almighty, 'I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let Me prove it to you!" Malachi 3:10 (NLT)





# First, if you want to initiate God's increase, give.



## Receive Increase

Giving is a spiritual matter. It involves you and God. Ask God to show you how much to give, where to give, when to give and even if you should give to something or someone.





## Receive Increase

God wants your attitude about giving to be cheerful. He wants you to actually enjoy giving.

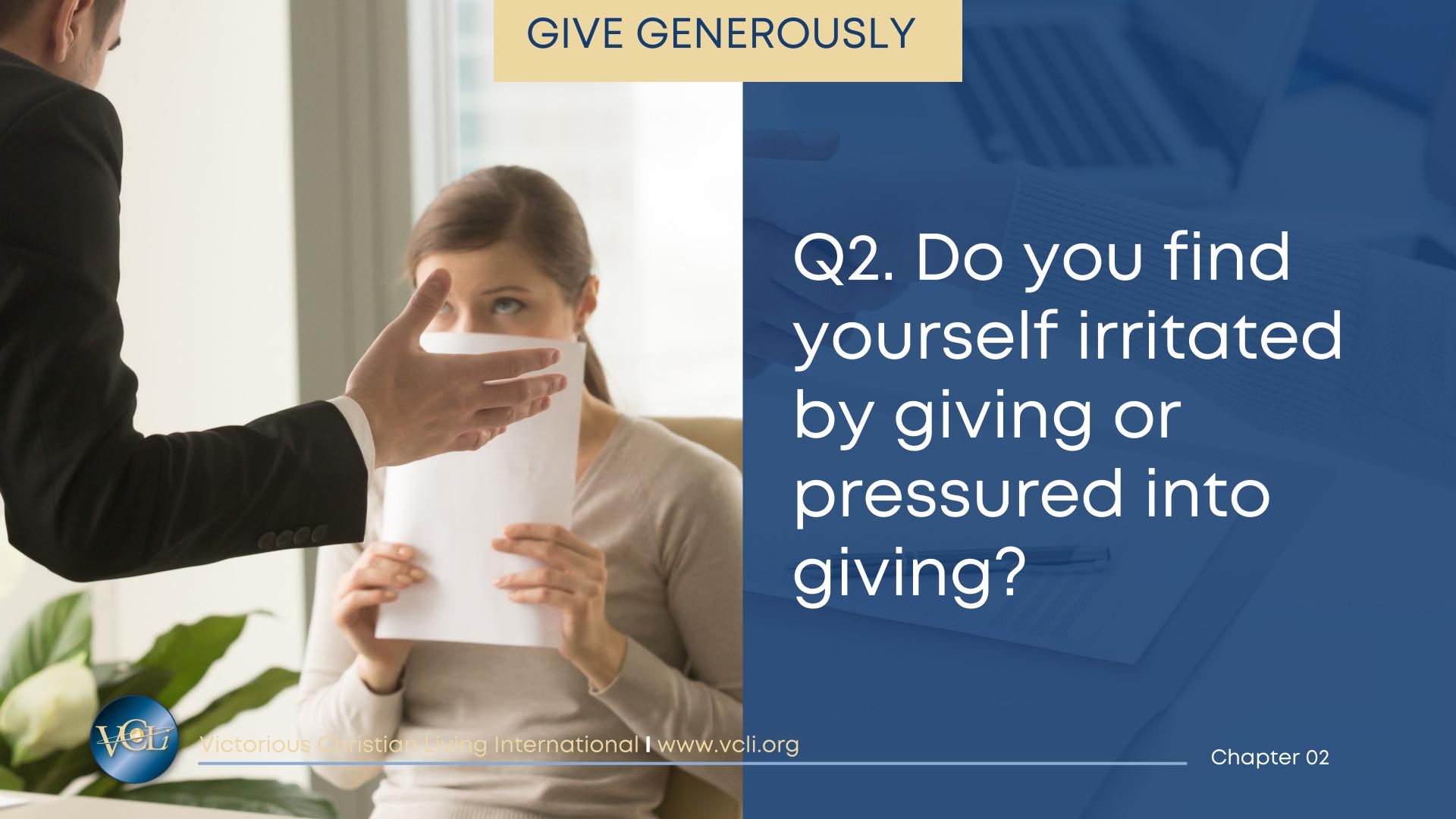




"You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)







Receive Increase
God wants you to
give cheerfully and
He wants you to
give generously.







# Receive Increase

The principle of sowing and reaping is seen throughout scripture. If you give generously, it is like sowing seeds and it produces God's blessing. You reap God's increase.







"Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God, your God's, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures." Deuteronomy 15:10 (MSG)





# Receive Increase

God promises that when you give to Him, He will meet your needs through His provision or supply.



Increase







"Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10



Q3. What do you think experiencing God's increase in your life would be like?





# There are three things your giving accomplishes:

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It acknowledges God.

It helps the needy.

It spreads the Gospel.



# Acknowledge God

Giving starts with God. God owns everything. There is nothing that exists that didn't come from God. Therefore, all that you have comes from God.





# Acknowledge God

Your ability to give comes only because you have something and that something that you have came from God.





"The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." Psalm 24:1 (NASB)



# Acknowledge God

Can you give God anything? No, you really can't. But you can dedicate a portion to God.





# Acknowledge God

By giving a portion of what you have, you acknowledge that God is the owner of all. This passage in Deuteronomy talks about proportional giving.





"...Bring Him a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings you have received from Him." Deuteronomy 16:10 (NLT)





Q4. Do you give in proportion to what you have received?







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Q5. What kind of proportion or percentage do you give?





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# Acknowledge God

The Bible often refers to proportional giving as a tithe. The literal translation of the word "tithe" is "tenth."





"And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock...the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord." Leviticus 27:32 (NKJ)



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# Acknowledge God

Instead of bringing animals or crops as a tithe you can bring your finances to the place where God is honored and His work is being done.







# Acknowledge God

Giving a tithe reminds you that everything, not only the ten percent, belongs to God.

"Bring this tithe to the place the LORD. your God chooses for his name to be honored...This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to fear the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 14:23 (NLT)



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# Acknowledge God

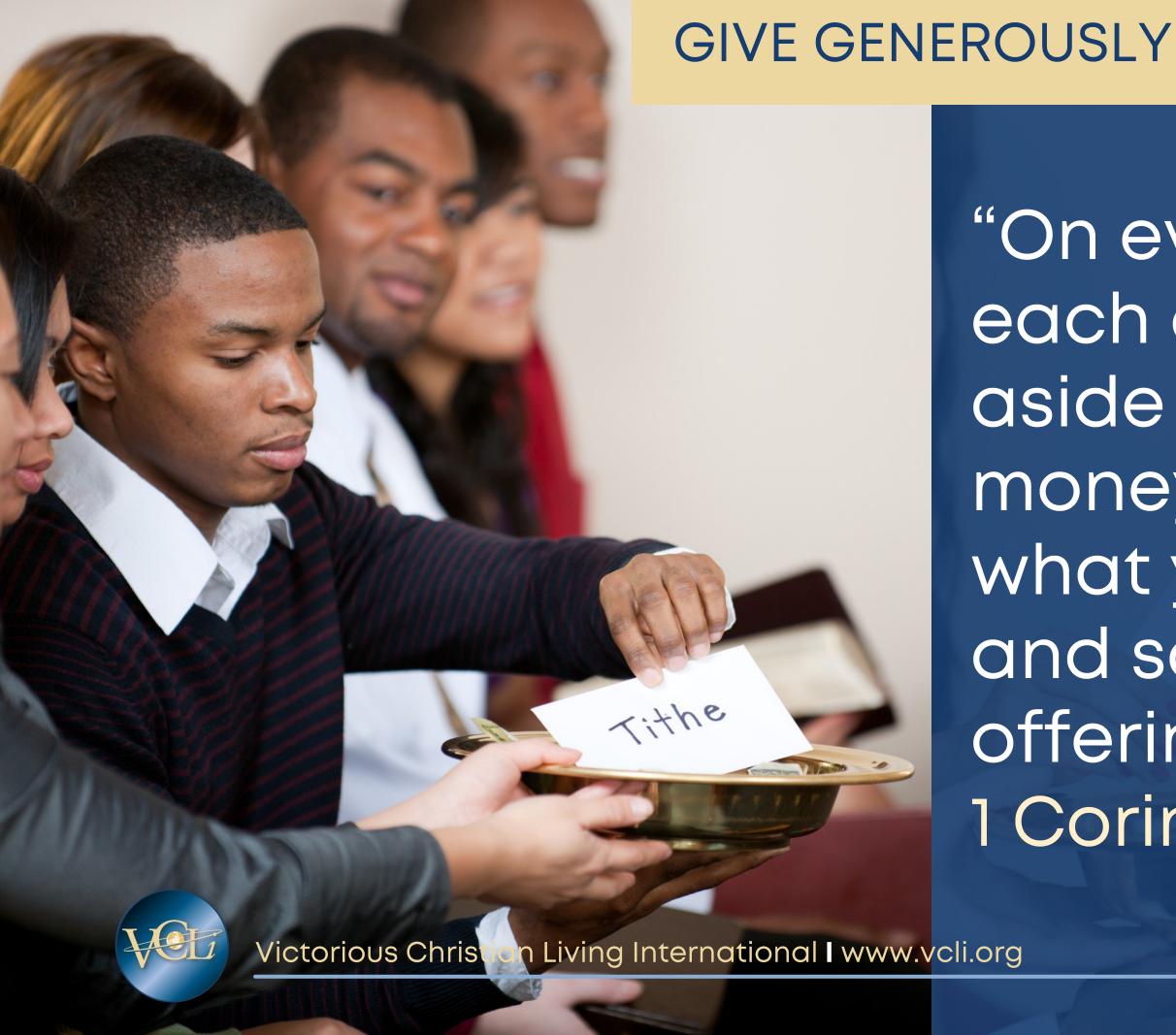
So, whether you have a lot or a little, in God's economy we are all giving the same when we give our tithe.



# Acknowledge God

Giving your tithe can be the first thing you do with your money. As you receive a paycheck or increase of assets, give back a tithe of that income.





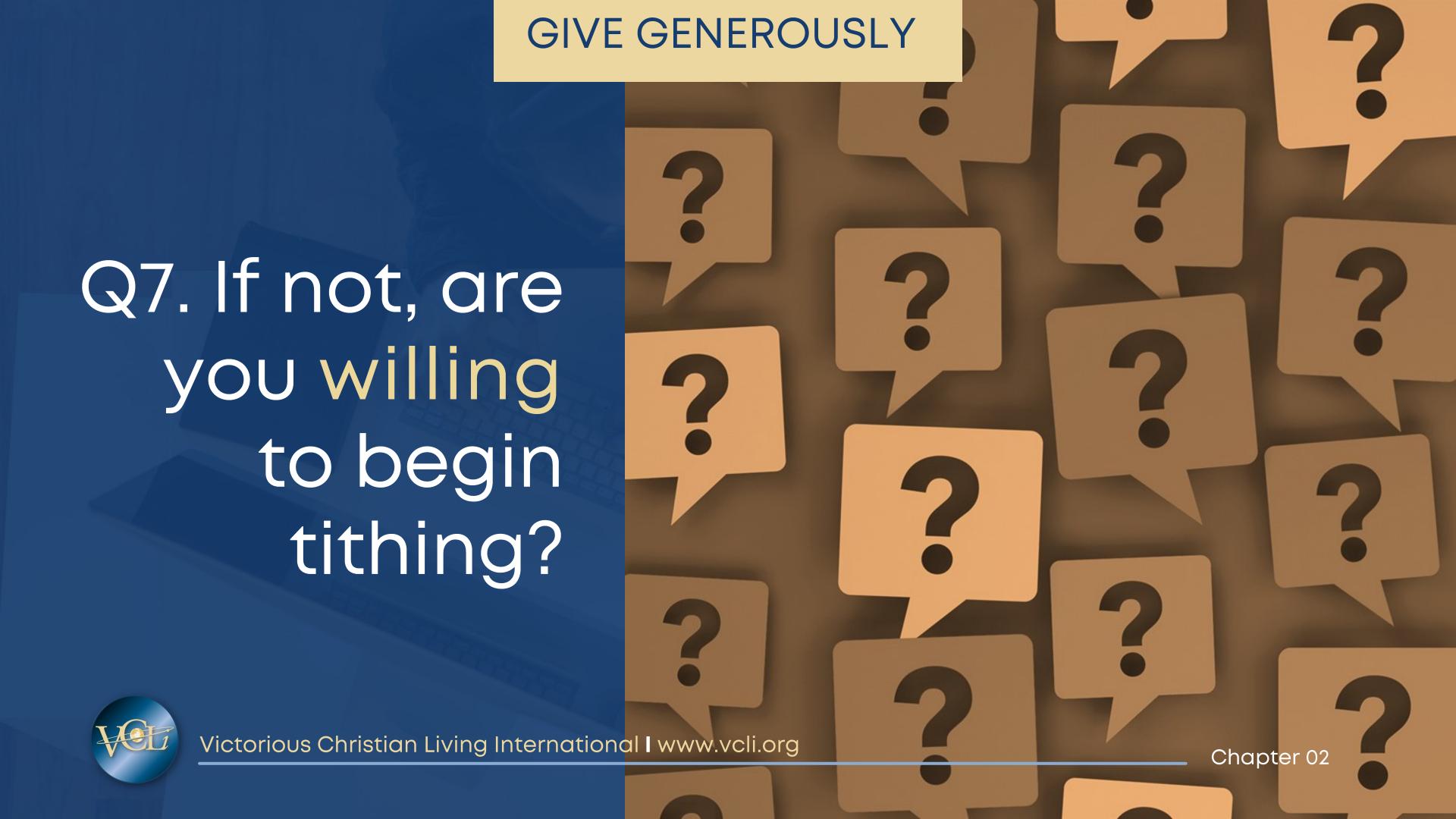
"On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering..." 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NLT)



Q6. Is your giving based on a tithe or tenth of all you receive?



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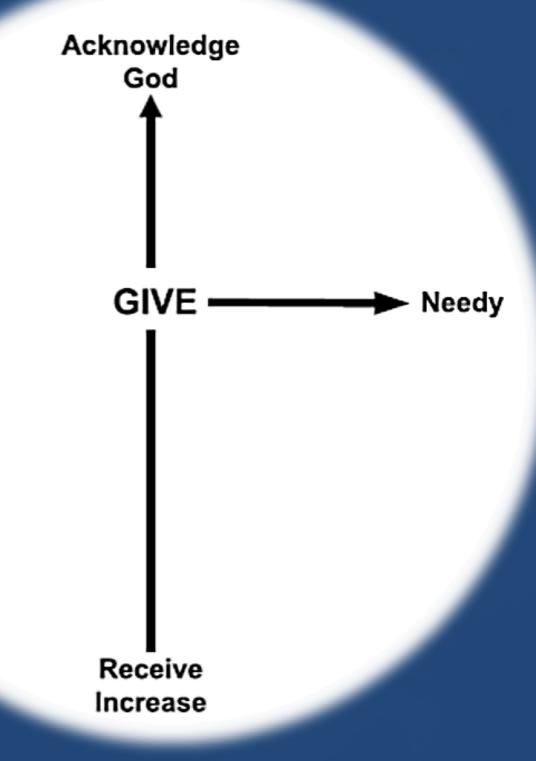


# Consider what God says in the following verse:

"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!" But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?" 'You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me." Malachi 3:8 (NLT)



# The Needy Taking care of the poor and needy is not a new idea invented by the government. Charity

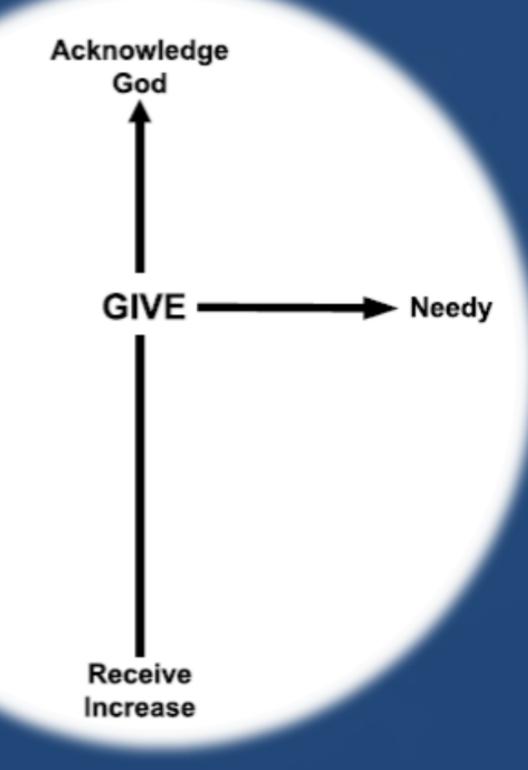




is God's idea.



God is compassionate and He wants His people to take care of the poor and needy. The Bible teaches us to give generously to the poor.





"There are always going to be poor and needy people among you. So I command you: Always be generous, open purse and hands, give to your neighbors in trouble, your poor and hurting neighbors." Deuteronomy 15:11 (MSG)





Q8. What is your attitude toward the poor?





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# Q9. Do you reach out to them through your giving?





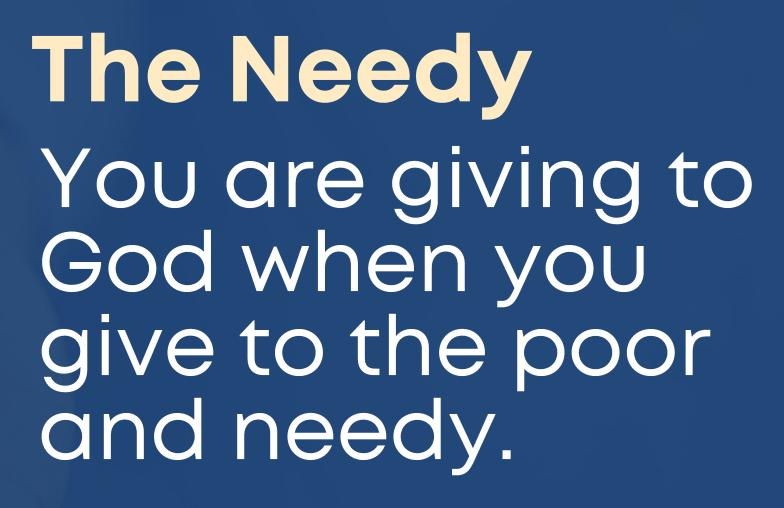
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Q10. Have you experienced God's blessing as a result of giving to the needy?





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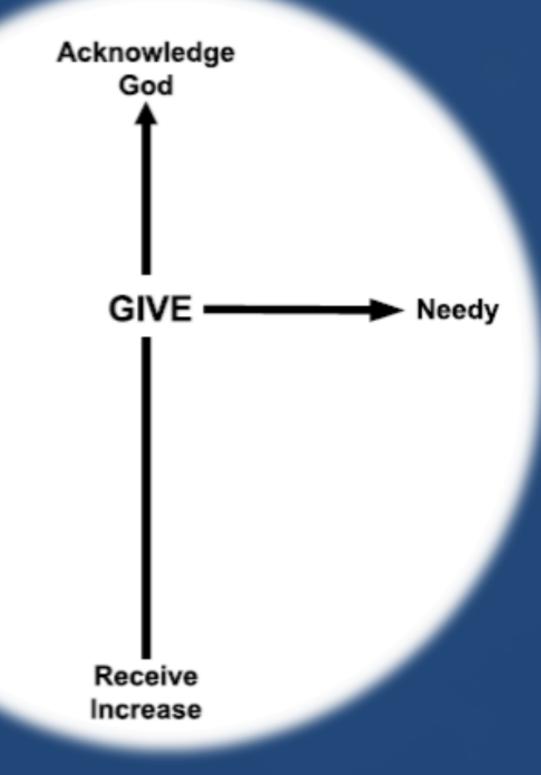




""...Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?'...And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:37-38, 40 (NLT)



The Needy
There is a link
between our
generosity and
His blessing.







"Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor."
Proverbs 22:9 (MSG)





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# The Needy

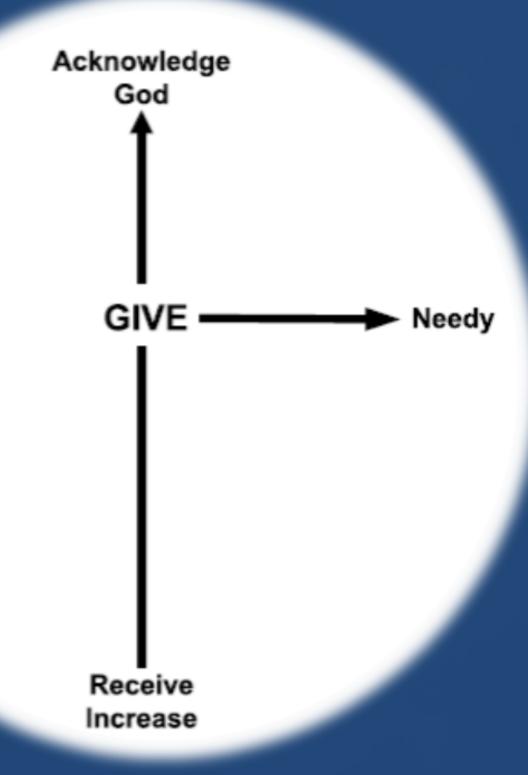
Giving initiates God's increase. By giving, you acknowledge that everything belongs to God.







The Needy When you give to the needy, you are giving to what God cares about.





Q11. What is something of value God is asking you to give?



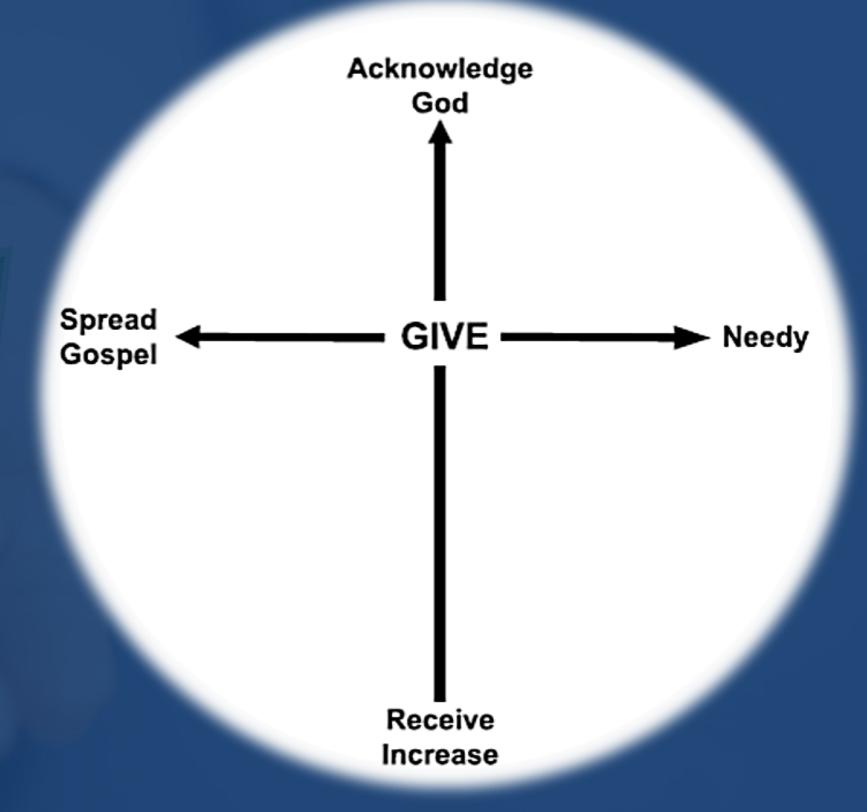


As important as it is to give to the physical needs of people,
God cares most deeply about where individuals will spend eternity – with or without Him.



Spread the Gospel

He cares about their souls.

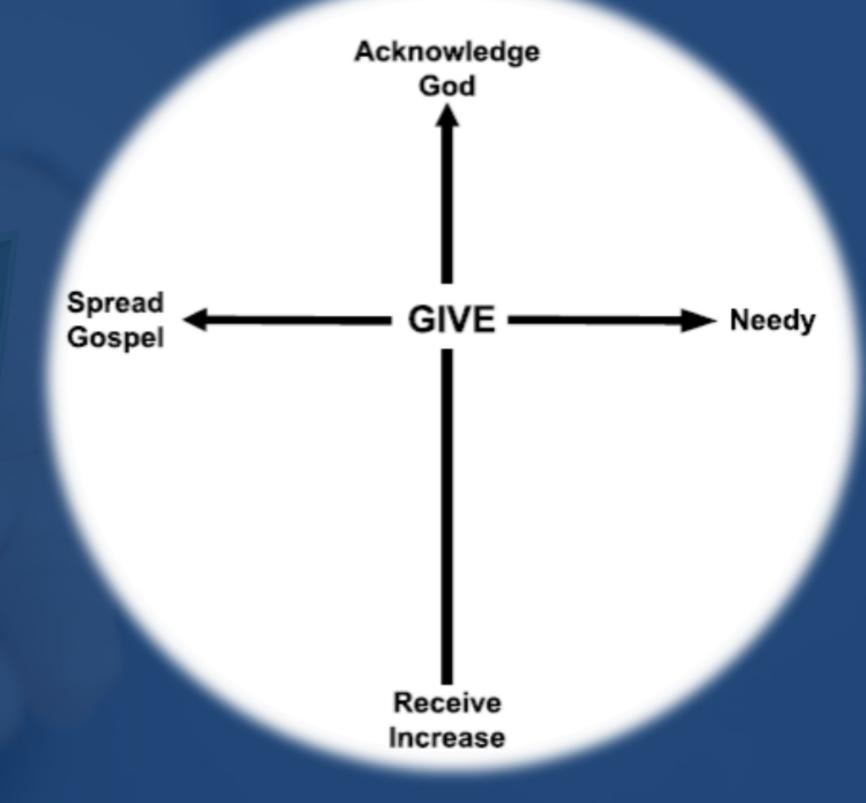






Gospel

He demonstrated His great love for people, by giving

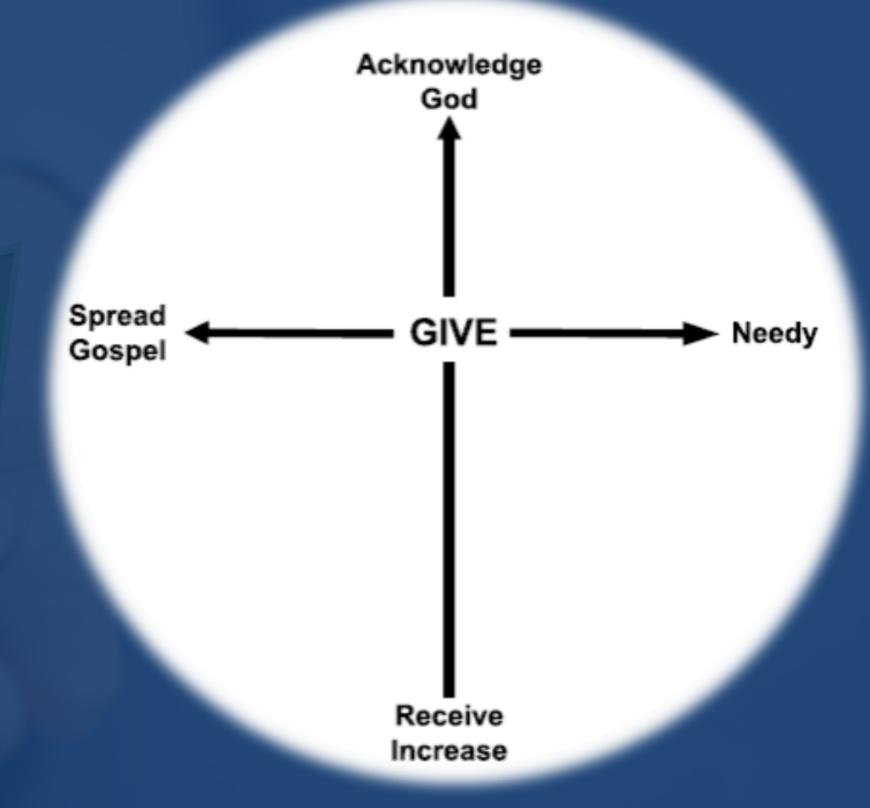




His Son.

# Spread the Gospel

His giving was generous and sacrificial.





# Spread the Gospel

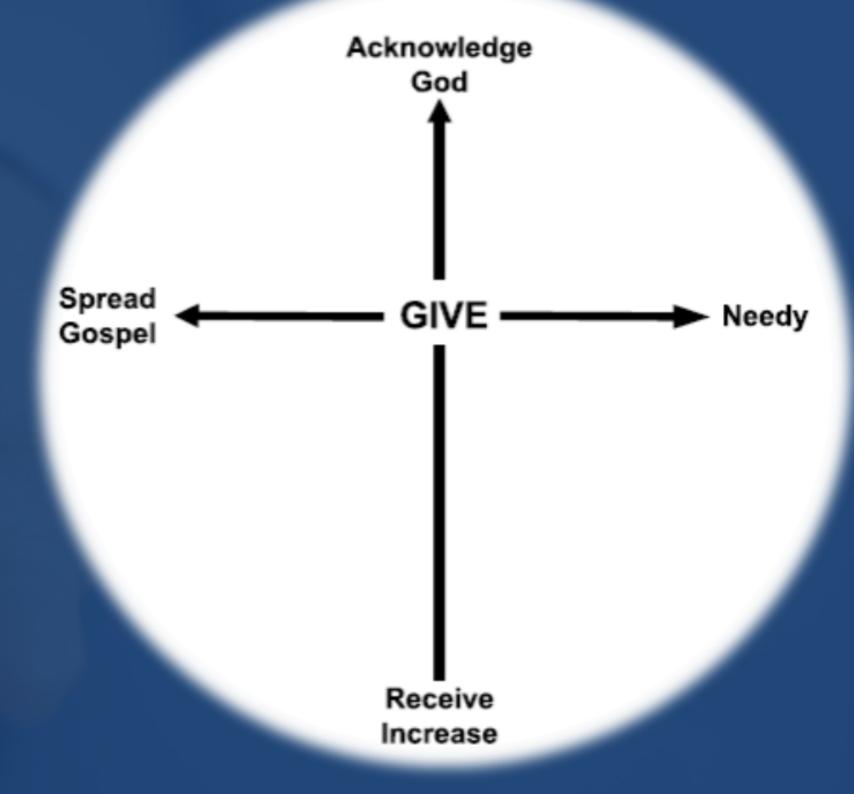
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NLT)



# Spread the Gospel

Giving financial support to ministries that spread the gospel (the Good News) is another way of giving to what God cares about.





# Spread the Gospel

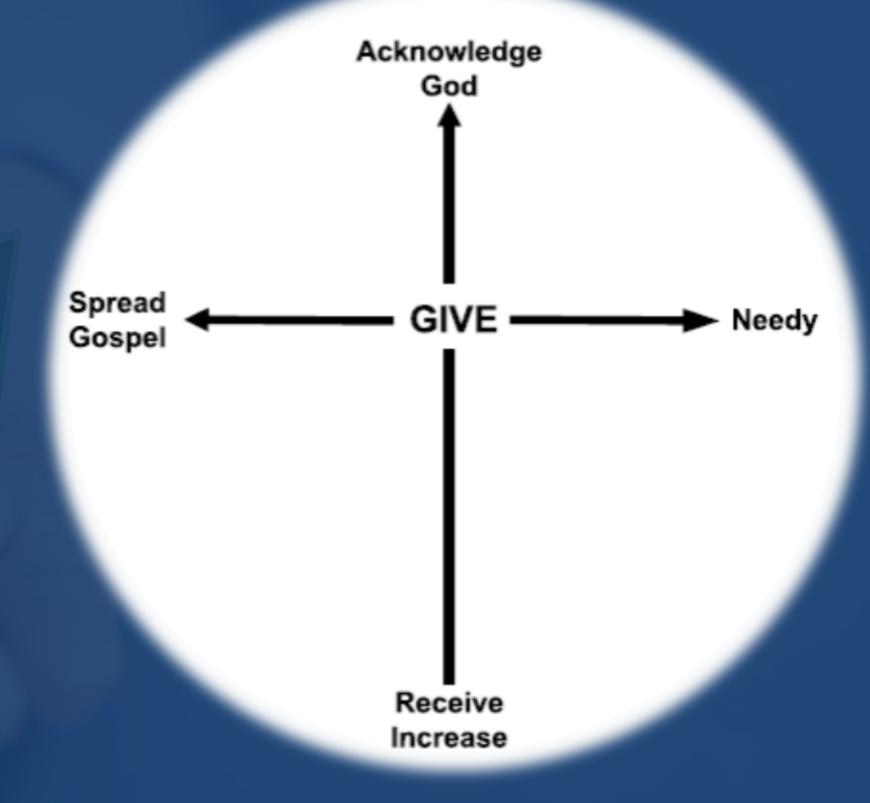
"...You have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now."

Philippians 1:5 (NLT)



# Spread the Gospel

You can give cheerfully because you are helping people come to know Him.





Spread the Gospel God has called people to teach others how to live.





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"Those who are taught the word of God should help their teachers by paying them." Galatians 6:6 (NLT)





# Q12. Do you support the people who work at teaching the Word of God?



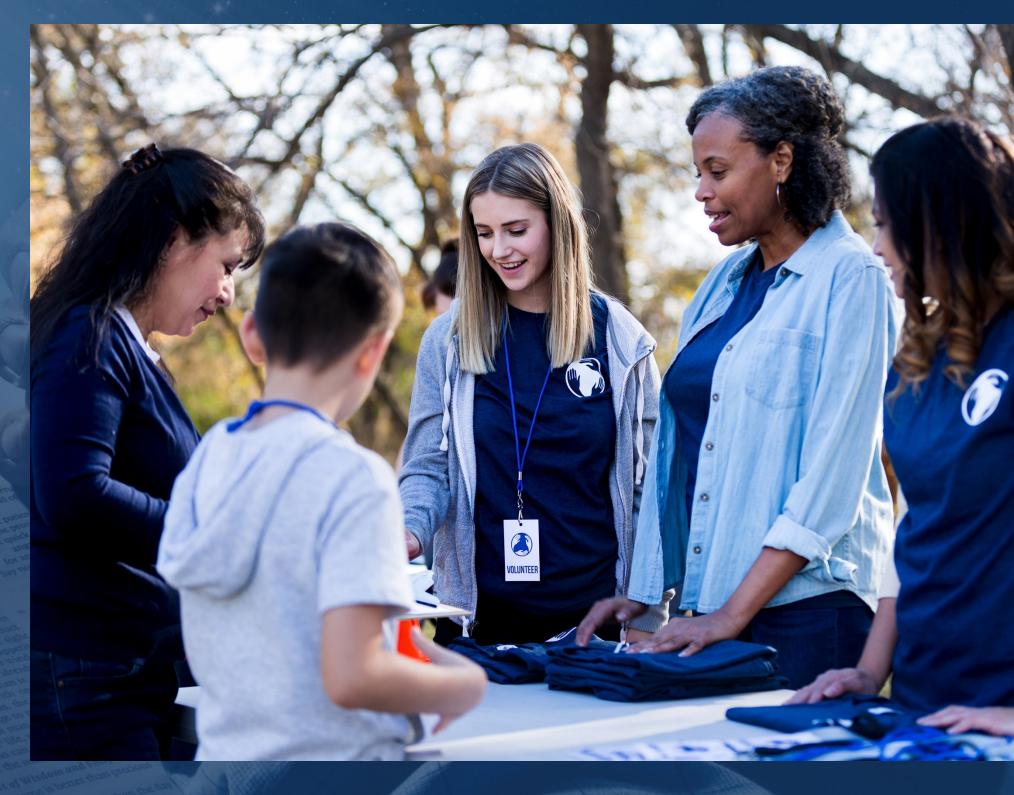
Q13. Do you consider yourselfa generous giver?



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Q14. Would others consider you a generous giver? If not, examine your motives and beliefs about God and money.







# Spread the Gospel

"Speaking to the people, he went on, 'Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." Luke 12:15 (MSG)



# Spread the Gospel

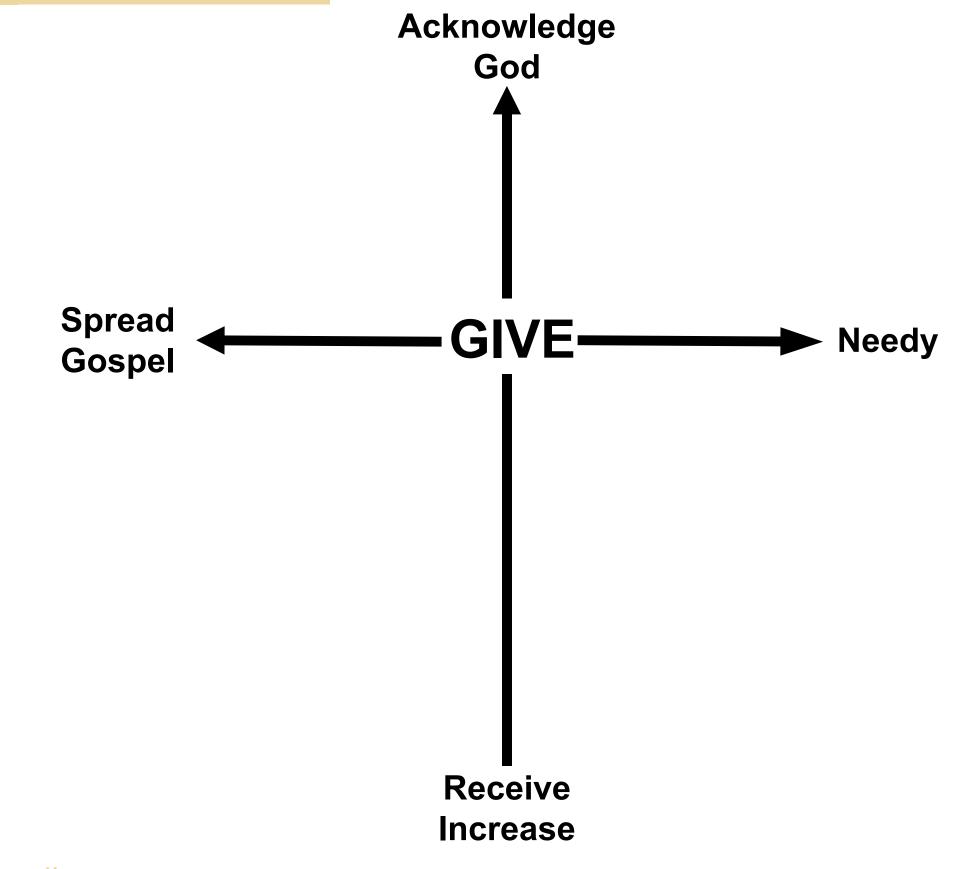
Your giving is to be generous. Your giving is to be sacrificial. This is because your giving is to reflect the way your Heavenly Father gives to you.





# Spread the Gospel

God gave His greatest possession, Jesus, for you to have what you have. Notice the shape of this diagram has formed a cross. Jesus gave His everything.





Q15. What did God show you through this chapter on giving?





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Q16. What is God showing you to do in regards to your giving?





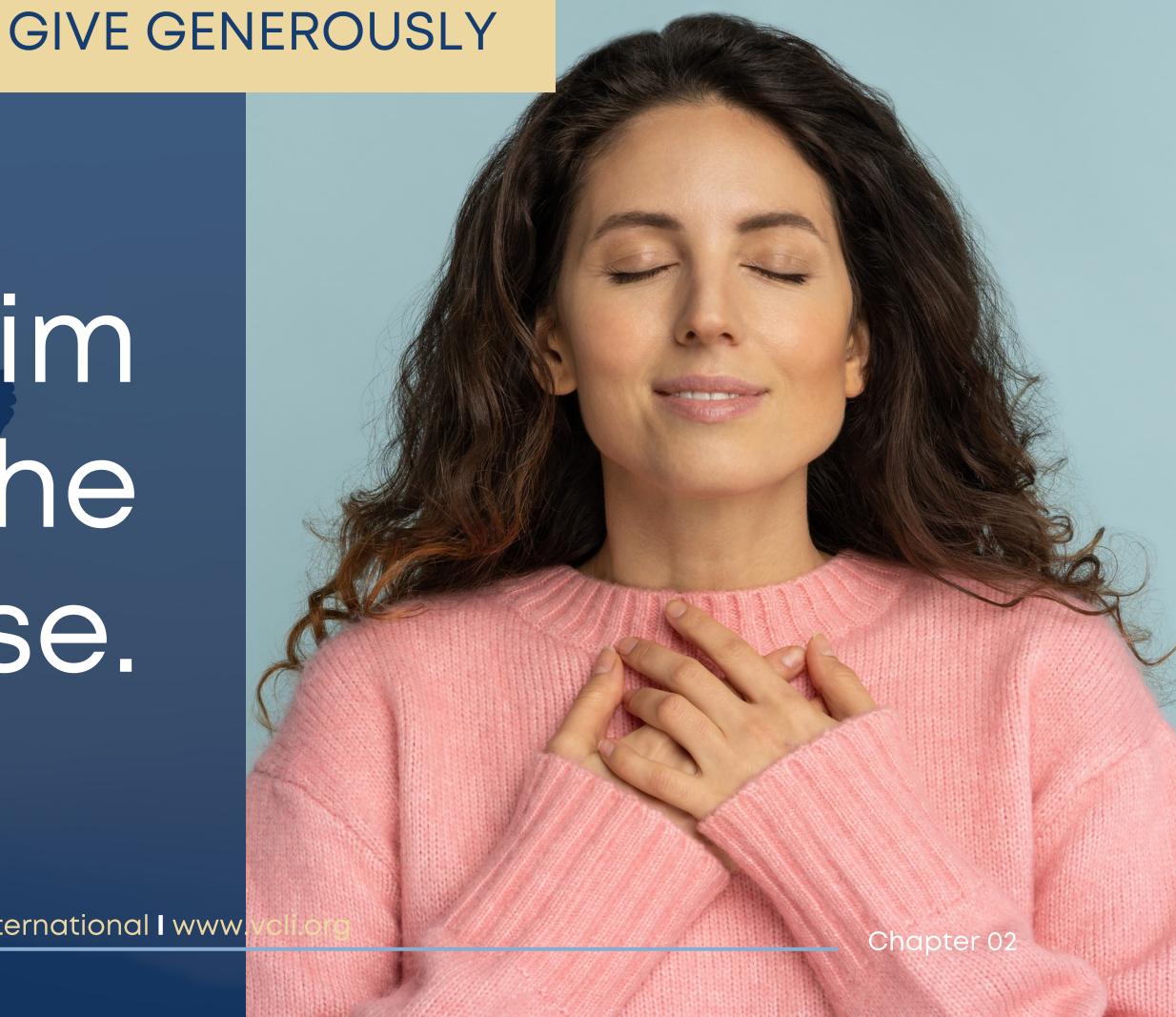
Believe God will bring an increase as you give.





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# Thank Him for the increase.





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Do what God is showing YOU to do in regards to giving.

# Thank you!



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