

WHAT IS JESUS DOING?



We can't talk about **W.I.J.D.** without talking about giving.

Bible mentions:

Believed — 272 Pray — 371

Love — 714 Give — **2162**

John 3:16

*“For God so loved the world that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”*

Acts 10:38

“... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Euergeteo: — to bestow benefits, from the root Benefactor.



Benefactor:— a person who supports or helps a person, institution, esp by giving money.

Acts 20:35

“And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”



John 12:1-8

“Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus ... Judas Iscariot, ... “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; he used to take what was put in it.”

John 13:29

“For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, “Buy those things we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.”



Mark 4:25 (Message)

*“Generosity begets generosity.
Stinginess impoverishes.”*

Mark 12:17

“And Jesus answered and said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”



**Generosity is not just an attempt
to add a little kindness to the
world ...**

**It's an action that will transform
the world, bringing His kingdom.**



**Generosity is not just Christians
being nice people ...**

**It's God, through us, expressing
His goodness, compassion, and
attention to the needs of people.**



Luke 16:1-12

*“Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.
... And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?”*

Jesus uses a strictly secular framework to tell His followers how to use their resources.

... he was wiser about his use of money than you are ... my disciples



1. You're Managing God's Stuff

1 Chronicles 29:12,14

“Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all ... For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.”



Proverbs 3:9-10

*“Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the **firstfruits** (First 10%) of **all** your increase; So your barns will be filled with **plenty**, And your vats will **overflow** with new wine.”*



2. Invest In What Is Eternal

Money, which is temporary, is supposed to bless people and build relationships.

Use your **TIME**, **TALENT**, and **TREASURE** to bless others and you will have **ETERNAL** blessings!



2 Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”



God is generous because he lives in a condition of abundance.

His provisions can never be exhausted.

We are managers of His inexhaustible abundance.

We should engage others with that mindset.



Real security is found in helping others and build eternal relationships:

- 1. Be Generous To Others**
- 2. Invest In The Gospel**

Missions

Local Church

Proclamation



Jim Elliot — His journal entry for October 28, 1949, expresses his belief that your whole life is to be spent on behalf of others:

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”



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