

Wildwood Baptist Church

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“Avengers of the Faith: Giving”

The only real eternal **hope** the world will ever know is Jesus Christ.

Romans 12: 13-16

The Avengers Generosity Game Plan

- If you care, then **share**.
- **Help** those who disagree with you.
- Be supportive and **sensitive**.
- Get **along** with others.
- Be **humble**.

Romans 12: 8b; Mark 12: 41-44

The poor widow felt compelled to **give** to the Lord in His temple (or place of worship).

The poor widow gave **sacrificially**.

The poor widow **trusted** the Lord.

The poor widow was actually very rich in **faith**!

“People go to the church that is dearest to them and not the church that is nearest to them.”

Proverbs 18: 24; Hebrews 13: 2

Every Christian is supposed to **give** part of his or her income to the Lord cheerfully.

2 Corinthians 9: 7

A tithe is the amount to be given found most **often** in the Bible.

Tithe: 10% of one’s total income is the beginning point for exercising the Christian role of giving.

Galatians 6: 7

A **graduated** tithe is an amount given above and beyond 10% - on a regular basis—by a believer who has sought the Lord and is willing to commit to giving.

“The question is now how much of my money I give to God, but rather how much of God’s money I need to keep.”

– R. G. LeTourneau

“I frankly don’t believe I’m as good a businessman as our financial statements indicate. I believe I operate far above my natural capacity.”

– Stanley Tam

The gift of giving is a special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to offer their material resources to the work of the Lord, above and beyond the tithes, in a liberal and cheerful manner.

2 Corinthians 8: 1-2; Galatians 6: 10

