

Type of Giving	Goal	Motive	Control	Issues
<p><b>Obligatory</b></p> <p>I am required to make payments to remain in good standing with God</p> <p>Obligatory tithing</p>	<p>To pay a debt To fulfill a duty</p>	<p>Guilt/Obligation</p>	<p>Church authority controls gift. I give up what otherwise belongs to me.</p>	<p>When pushed people will strive only to meet minimum requirements</p>
<p><b>Philanthropic</b></p> <p>When I give to others I am helping them get their share of the pie. I am viewed as generous.</p> <p>Goodwill toward men.</p>	<p>To become a better person.</p>	<p>Love for others makes the world a better place.</p>	<p>The individual is free to give and withhold</p>	<p>Gifts may have strings attached.</p>
<p><b>Prosperity</b></p> <p>I give to God to get a blessing. God is the divine broker and I am an investor</p> <p>Legacy.</p>	<p>To give to God so he will make me prosper materially.</p>	<p>To receive a reward.</p>	<p>The community teaches the perspective and reinforces the discipline. The individual chooses to invest into a god with untold wealth.</p>	<p>Produces people who treat God as an investment banker expecting material blessing in return for their giving and not as Savior and Father.</p>
<p><b>Worship</b></p> <p>I give because God gave first. I give in a grateful response to God's grace in my life.</p> <p>Generous God, Genero<sup>1</sup>us life.</p>	<p>To respond to God's gift of grace in my life.</p>	<p>Gratitude for God's work in my life.</p>	<p>God is in control of my gift. It is made to him.</p>	<p>Giving is not an action but rather a reflection of my affection and my character.</p> <p>Giving rooted in generosity as a part of their identity and no in a reciprocal relationship.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Vernon Wease, Evangelical Methodist Church