



**Why God Gives Us More
Make a Difference
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The ultimate purpose of your life is to make a difference with your life.

John 15:8, 11 (NIV) This is to My Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

God blesses us so we can bless others.

Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV) I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Galatians 3:14 (NLT) Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing He promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 12:48 (NLT) When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.

God has more and wants us to have more.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NCV) He will make you rich in every way so that you can always give freely.

We can't forget why God gives us more.

Deuteronomy 21:17 (NIV) He must acknowledge the son...as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him.

Hebrews 12:15-17 (NLT) Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. ¹⁶ Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal. ¹⁷ You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.

12 Promises from God

Isaiah 58:6-12 (NIV) "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to

clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn (1), and your healing will quickly appear (2); then your righteousness will go before you (3), and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard (4).” Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: “Here am I. (5) If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday (6). The Lord will guide you always (7); He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land (8) and will strengthen your frame (9). You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail (10). Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations (11); you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings (12).”