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Alan, PCC Treasurer, St Michael and All Angels, Colehill

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Giving is one way in which we remember that what we have actually belongs to God and is entrusted to our care. To give generously is to be caught up in the overflow of God’s grace for when we give, we reflect the nature of God himself.

The bible is aware that our giving meets real needs. And we can certainly reassure ourselves that our giving will support our churches wherever the need is greatest. But as Christians we don’t just give to a need, we need to give. Our giving is the overflow of God’s gift to us in Jesus:

‘you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich’ (2 Cor. 8:9).

As a lovely old proverb says gratitude is the heart’s memory. Each time we give, we remember that what we keep and all we have is a gift from God. If giving is to help us remember the Giver, then what we give must be serious, generous and meaningful because we cannot give to God that which costs us nothing (2 Sam. 24:24).

Jesus said:

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” Matt 6:21

What we do with our money reveals our hearts, but generous giving can also release our hearts from the gravitational pull of wealth. Generosity is a discipleship decision that refuses to put money at the centre of our lives. But giving is more than a personal commitment. Giving is a shared act of worship because we travel together as God’s people. And giving is fundamentally confessional: what we give speaks about what has been given to me, to each of us in the grace and the gift of God.

Stewards of all
It is often said that Martin Luther believed we needed three conversions: of the heart, head and wallet – and that the last was the test of the reality of the first two conversions. The rich, biblical word ‘steward’ means that we own nothing but enjoy all; we give generously but also save and spend, budget and borrow responsibly. More than meeting needs, generous giving is the hallmark, the litmus test, of the faithfulness and accountability to which each steward is called (2 Cor. 4:2; Luke 16:1-15).

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