

“He is Able”
Myths About Giving

I. Introduction

II. Myths about giving

- A. My giving doesn't _____ make _____ a _____ difference _____.
- B. People give generously because they are naturally _____ generous _____ people _____.
1. II Cor. 8:1 (NLT) *Now I want to tell you, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done for the churches in Macedonia.*
 2. II Cor. 8:2 (NLT) *Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich generosity.*
- C. People give generously only when they have the _____ resources _____.
1. II Cor. 8:2 *That in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.*
- D. People give only what they can _____ afford _____ to give.
1. II Cor. 8:3 (NLT) *For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford but far more. And they did it of their own free will.*
 2. II Sam. 24:24a (NLT) *“No, I insist on buying it, for I cannot present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing.”*
- E. People give generously only when _____ coerced _____ to do so.
1. II Cor. 8:4 (NLT) *They begged us again and again for the gracious privilege of sharing in the gift for the Christians in Jerusalem.*

F. People give generously only when they have the Spiritual gift of giving.

1. II Cor. 8:7 (NLT) *Since you excel in so many ways—you have so much faith, such gifted speakers, such knowledge, such enthusiasm, and such love for us—now I want you to excel also in this gracious ministry of giving.*

G. What we give is the most important kind of giving.

1. II Cor. 8:9 (NLT) *You know how full of love and kindness our Lord Jesus Christ was. Though he was very rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.*

III. Conclusion

Upcoming weekend messages for “He Is Able”

Nov. 12-13 **The Best is Yet to Come (1 Service held at the Glendale Arena)**

Nov. 19-20 **The Kind of Church God Builds**

Nov. 26-27 **What I Learned From our Building Campaign**

(Unless otherwise indicated all Scripture verses are in the New American Standard version.)