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Luke 6:38 “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

We begin by giving our tithe, a 10th of our income. We go above and beyond our tithe by giving generously as God places it on our hearts.

We give because...

- (1) God commands it.**
- (2) God honors it.**
- (3) It makes a difference.**

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