

Cheerful Giving

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(Read 8:1-14 and 9:6-15)

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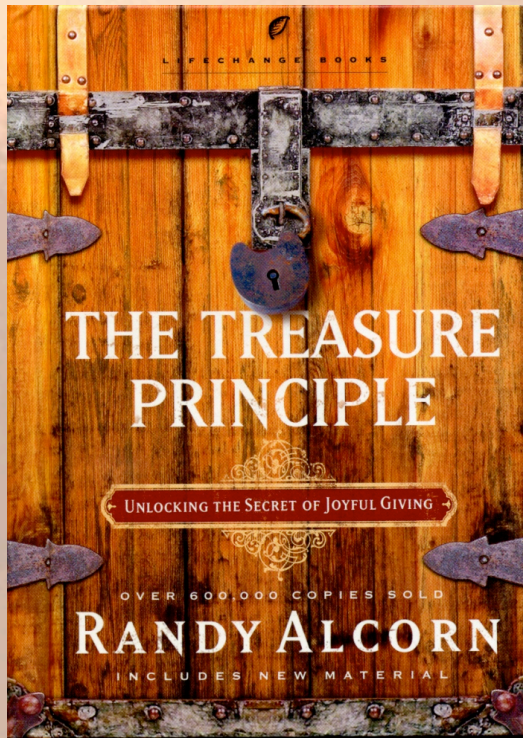
You should make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully

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The Treasure Principle

Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving



“The joy of giving – a simple yet profound idea – with radical implications. Once you grasp it and put it into practice nothing will ever look the same. And believe me, you won’t want it to. When you discover the joy of the Treasure Principle, I guarantee you’ll never be content with less.”

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A personal matter *Let each one [do]...*

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Determined within, ahead of time

...As he has decided in his heart...

- A settled, personal determination reflecting intentionality, not emotionality
- Flowing from a heart that has been transformed by the Gospel

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Not grudging and not pressured

...not reluctantly or under compulsion

- Not God's way: sorrow over what we've parted with; feeling forced or manipulated
- God's way: *What a joy! What a privilege! Please, Lord, let me do more...*

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...God loves a cheerful giver.

A holy sense of fulfillment and satisfaction
released by the Spirit in your soul!

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