

## Biblical Reasons for Giving

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### **Blessings: Our Ability to Give**

What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord's bounty to me?

Psalm 116:12

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Malachi 3:10

Life itself is a gift from our gracious and generous Creator. We have been blessed in so many ways: the gift of faith, relationships with loved ones, and this community of faith. Our financial resources are also blessings that can be used to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As God's stewards, we have varied amounts of money to manage; we don't have equal resources at our disposal. This may be due to a combination of factors including hard work or idleness, luck or skill, immediate or delayed gratification. In reality, no matter how we have come to acquire our financial resources, God remains the source and owner of all that we have. And yet, we are given freedom to use our blessings as we choose.

The Psalmist responds in gratitude – and we have the same opportunity. This Appeal invites us to reflect on our blessings and what portion we will share. The amount will vary, but each of us has the opportunity to give thanks through our gifts.