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<p>People with the gift of <b>Giving</b> often do not themselves view it as a special "gift" and/or do not wish to receive public recognition for their generosity. They do not ask questions like "how much is too much"? In the power of the Holy Spirit, people with the gift of giving often view their resources differently—along the lines of "how much can I give away" and "how little can I live on to free up more resources for the kingdom of God"? They live as if everything they have belongs to God, knowing that God will provide for their needs. Giving may involve money as well as other resources like housing, food, clothing, etc.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p><b>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Giving:</b></p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>I rearrange things in my life in order to be able to give my financial or other resources more generously to God's work.</i></p>	
<p><i>I frequently look for opportunities to contribute money or resources in a way that makes a difference.</i></p>	
<p><i>Although my generosity is usually meant to be anonymous, people know me as charitable and philanthropic with the resources God has given me.</i></p>	
<p><b>Some words that describe people with this gift:</b></p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Generous</p>	
<p>Self-Controlled</p>	
<p>Accountable</p>	
<p>Resourceful</p>	
<p>Sacrificial</p>	
<p>Steward</p>	
<p><b>Potential negatives to this gift:</b></p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>Can be too critical of what they deem extravagance.</p>	
<p>Can be seen as judgmental of those who do not also give generously.</p>	
<p>Can take undue credit for ability to earn/save more instead of seeing it as God's gifting and enabling.</p>	



Some possible ways to serve using this gift:	Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:
• Donor to church programs and projects	
• Stewardship campaign chair/assistant/coordinator	
• Leader of and/or participant in courses on Biblical finance	
• Fundraiser/ resource-raiser for community or ministry needs	
• Debt-counselor	
• Financial advisor	
• Generous giver to community and other organizations	
• Host home provider for interns or missionaries	

### Quotations from individuals with this gift:

GB: "Giving, for me, is really giving back to God in whatever way it is evidenced. A gift of my time, my financial resources, or my abilities seems small compared to the way that God has blessed me in my life. Decisions about what and how much to give tend to revolve around the need at the time, the best use of the resources I have, or the ways I see God working in me through that gift. Sometimes, the situation involves a strong need that I'm in a position to fill. Sometimes my particular abilities are a good fit for the need. Sometimes, a financial gift is a way for me to convert what I do well in my career into a means to fill a need that I can't fill directly through my abilities. Sometimes, I see myself growing through the decision to devote resources to God's kingdom. Often, that growth is only seen in the rear-view mirror of that opportunity. In all of these situations, it comes down to a willingness to be used of God in the entirety of my life, with my resources being a reflection of how God has gifted me, and gratitude for his provision in my life."

DK: "The foundation of Giving is the Truth that everything belongs to God to begin with, and He wants us to use what He has given to call attention to Himself--to honor and glorify His name. He has blessed our family richly in every way. The hardest part for me is Giving of myself to walk closely with Him, and to recognize His leading without always falling back into doing everything 'my way,' and trusting Him without feeling anxious about the future.. Giving of financial resources is the easy part. We always have more than 'enough for every good cause,' and we pray that we can 'be generous at all times.'" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 11)

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Not down your reactions/reflections here: