



# Scarcity to Abundance

Encouraging  
Biblical  
Generosity

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We want to  
encourage  
**GENEROSITY!**

For any fans of The  
Princess Bride:

“You keep using  
that word. I do not  
think it means what  
you think it  
means.”



In the NT  
“generous” is  
*haplotēs*

*Haplotēs* “generous”  
describes

- The ones who give (2 Corinthians 8:2)
- A type of giving action (James 1:5; Romans 12:8)
- The gift itself (2 Corinthians 9:13)
- The purpose for which God provided the wealth in the first place (2 Corinthians 9:11)



plural  
liking to give  
**generous** /'dʒɪnərəs/  
1 always ready to give  
money: She is very  
buys me presents.  
large; generous

# The Bible word for “generous” is not what you think!

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- We might think of it as giving a lot, but that’s not what *haplotēs* means.
- It’s not the normal word for giving a lot. In fact, it’s not a normal word for giving at all.
- Outside of the Bible, *haplotēs* **had never been used** in reference to giving. *Haplotēs* giving is unique to the Bible.



# Generous: Reflective of the heart

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- Haplotēs is, literally, “not folded” [a-“not,” plotes from pel “folded”], meaning “singleness, simplicity, sincerity, mental honesty; the virtue of one who is free from pretense and dissimulation.”
- In the New Testament, a generous [*haplotēs*] gift does not mean big. It means **reflective of the heart**: sincere, single-hearted, simple, literally “un-folded”

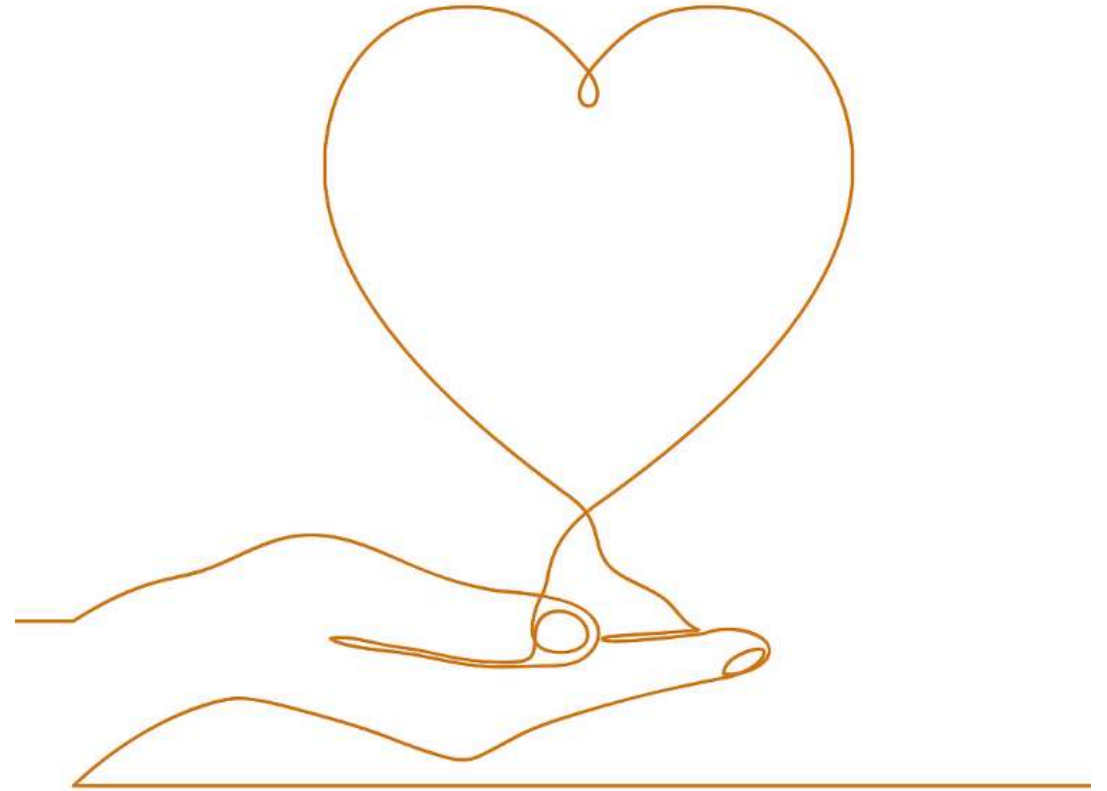


What's your goal as a fundraiser?

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The Biblical  
answer:

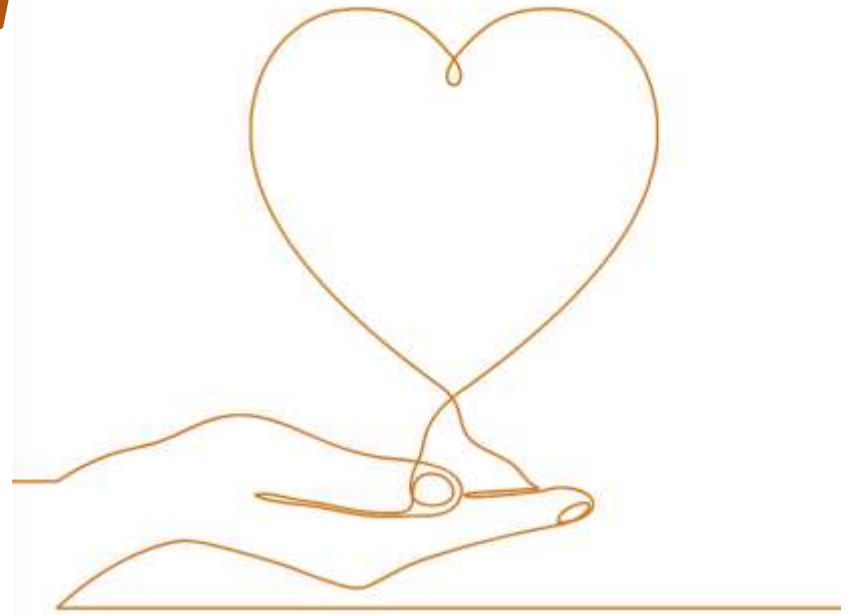
Joyful giving from  
the heart



# God wants joyful giving from the heart

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- “Each one must do just as he has decided **in his heart**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful [hilaron]** giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- In 1 Tim 6:18 donors are directed “To be rich in good works.” This word for “good” [*kalois*] means: “beautiful, as an **outward sign of the inward good, noble, honorable character**; good, worthy, honorable, noble, and seen to be so.”

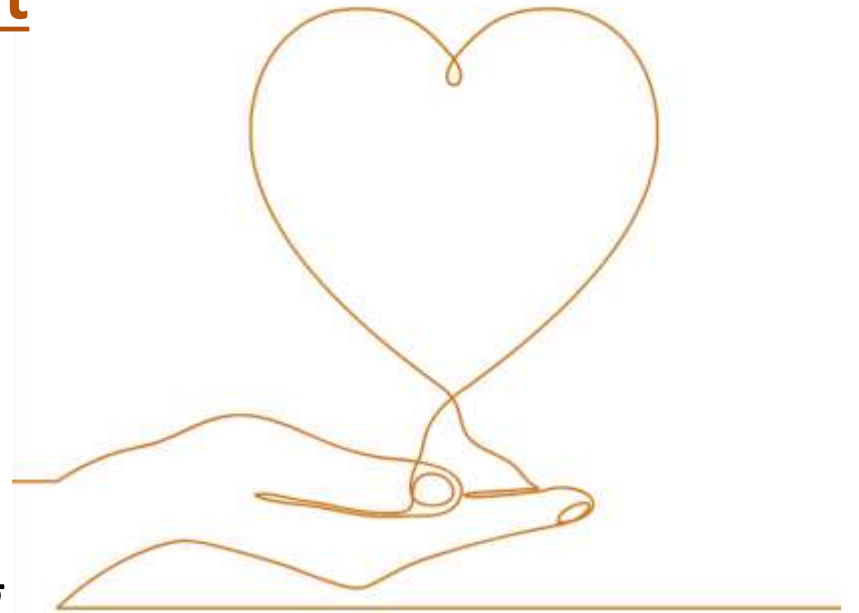


# God wants joyful giving from the heart: He always has...

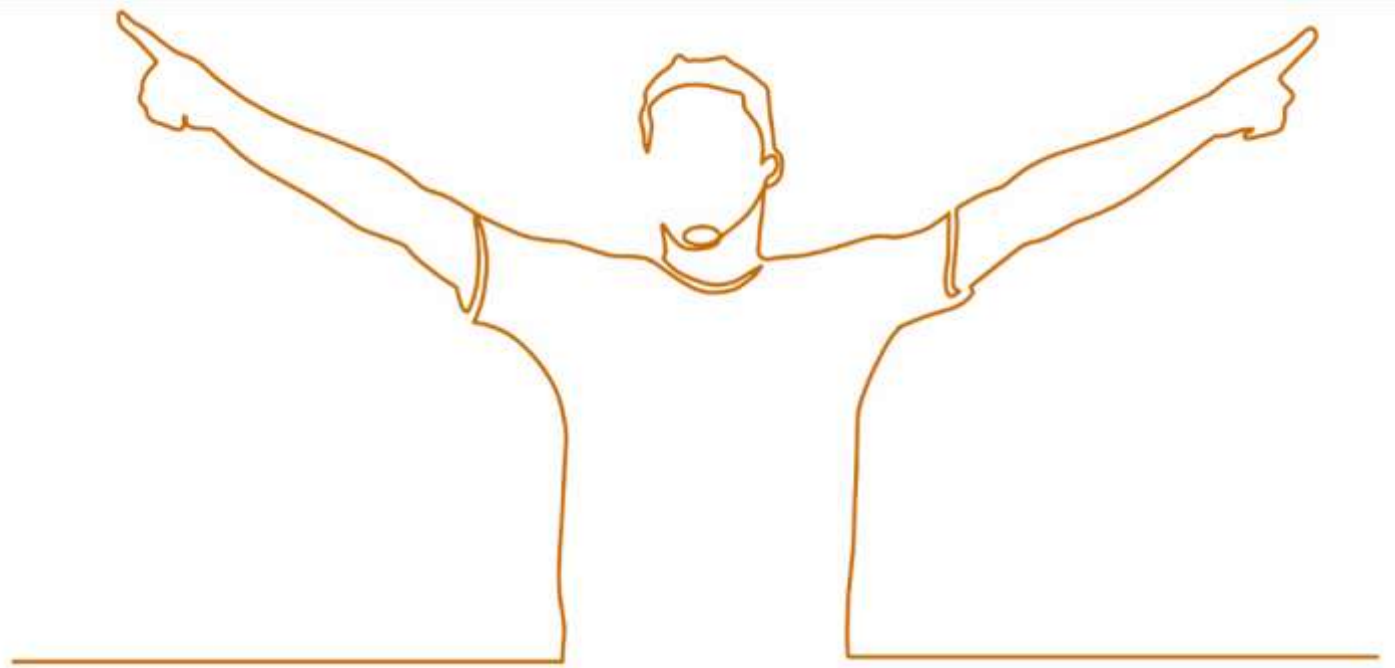
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Capital campaign for the tabernacle: God said to Moses, “Tell the sons of Israel to take a contribution for Me; from everyone whose heart moves him you shall take My contribution.” (Exodus 25:2). Moses later said to them, “Take from among you a contribution to the Lord; whoever is of a willing heart is to bring it as the Lord’s contribution.” (Exodus 35:5).

Capital campaign celebration for the temple: “Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord wholeheartedly, and King David also rejoiced greatly.” (1 Chronicles 29:9).



Are you  
focused on  
creating  
joyful  
giving?  
In the NT  
giving is  
supposed to  
be...



- **Party-time enjoyable:** *apolausin* (1 Tim 6:17)
- **Hilariously joyful:** *hilaron* (2 Cor 9:7)
- **Happy/blessed:** *makarion* (Acts 20:35)
- **Super/hyper contented:** *en panti pantote pasan autarkeian* (2 Cor 9:8)
- **Overflowing from the abundance of joy** (2 Cor 8:2)

This isn't a **THEM** problem.  
It's an **US** problem.

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God wants joyful giving from the heart. If this is not the goal of our fundraising, we're doing it wrong.

Do you regularly consider:

- What gift would best express this donor's personal values, life story, and internal identity?
- What gift would be the most enjoyable for this donor?
- Or are we just “money[fund]-getting[raising]”?



# Quit blaming the donors and start ministering to them!

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**WRONG:** If only our donors were better people, then they would give more and enjoy it more.

**RIGHT:** How can I provide joyful giving opportunities that reflect and grow the positive aspects of this donor's heart?

The ministry process identifies those good, honorable, or noble features of a person's inward character. (**Identity**). It then connects those identity characteristics with a beautiful, visible, outward impact. (**Victory**). It uses this connection to motivate action. (**Challenge**).



# Getting to joyful giving from the heart

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1. Start with the positive aspects of their heart. (This is their character or **identity** from their personal values, close people, and life story.)
2. Help build a giving outcome (**victory**) that is a joyful expression of their heart. (This helps grow those positive aspects of their character or identity.)
3. Encourage (**challenge**) them to make it happen now!

## Start with the positive aspects of their heart / character / identity

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Paul before the pagan Greek Areopagus:

“So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, ‘Men of Athens, I see that **you are very religious** in all respects. For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.’” (Acts 17:22).



Start with the positive aspects of their heart / character / identity

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Paul before King Agrippa:

“King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate that I am about to make my defense before you today, **especially because you are an expert** in all customs and questions among the Jews;” (Acts 26:2b-3a).



Start with the positive aspects of their heart / character / identity

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Paul before Felix, governor of Judea:

“Knowing that **for many years you have been a judge** to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense,” (Acts 24:10b).



Start with the positive aspects of their heart / character / identity

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Paul before challenging Timothy to stay committed

“For I am mindful of **the sincere faith within you**, which first dwelled **in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice**, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” (2 Timothy 1:5).



# Start with the positive aspects of their heart/character/identity

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1 Timothy 6:17 “fundraising” message to the wealth holders

- **Identity** (Personal Values) – You are continuing in the ongoing process of being not “high-minded,” not above or separated from the fellowship community
- **Identity** (Life History) – You have, already in the past, not set your hope in the uncertainty or hiddenness of wealth, but on God
- **Identity** (Close People) – God is the one who richly supplies all of us with all things for enjoyment: ... to be a good sharer with the fellowship community



Let's get practical!  
How do we actually DO  
this with REAL donors?

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Find their donor joy: Help them define a personally meaningful philanthropic victory **that reflects their heart** (i.e., identity from their personal values, life history, and social/family norms from their close people)



# Here's an idea: Teach by asking questions

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**Jesus often taught this way.** In Matthew, he does this in 5:13, 5:46, 5:47, 6:25, 6:26, 6:27, 6:28-29, 6:30, 7:3, 7:4, 7:9, 7:10, 7:16, 8:26, 9:4, 9:5, 9:15, 10:29, 11:7, 11:8, 11:9, 12:4, 12:5, 12:11, 12:26, 12:27, 12:29, 12:34, 14:31, 15:3, 16:8, 16:9, 16:10, 16:11, 16:13, 16:15, 16:26, 17:25, 18:12, 18:33, 19:4-5, 19:17, 21:16, 21:25, 21:31, 21:40, 21:42, 22:18, 22:20, 22:31-32, 22:42, 22:43-44, 22:45, 23:17, 23:19, 23:33, 24:45, 26:10, 26:53, 26:54, and 26:55.

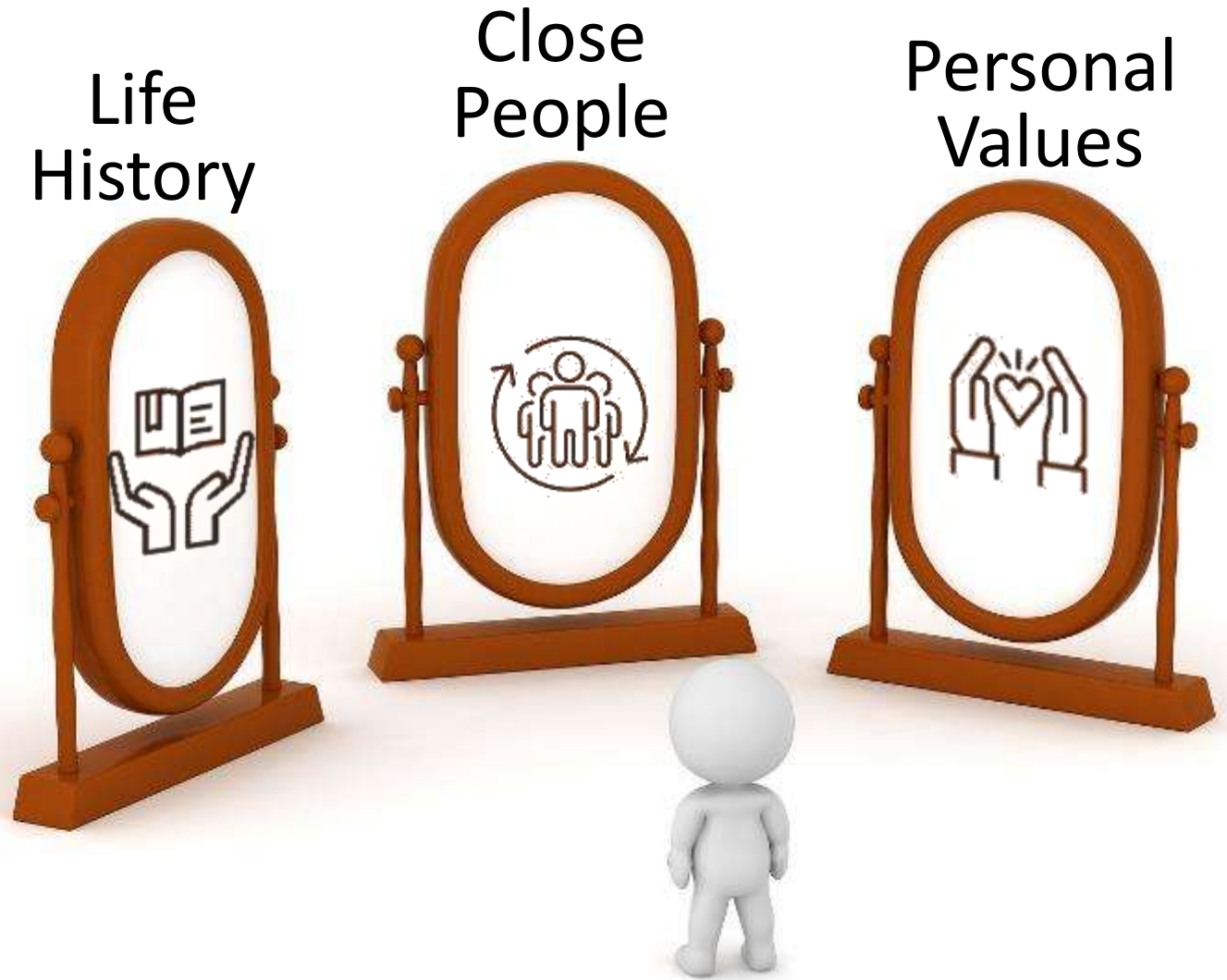


# Identity

How do the most successful fundraisers help the donor connect their identity

(personal values, life history, close people)

with the charity, the cause, or philanthropy?



**Find their donor joy:** Help them define a personally meaningful victory from their identity (personal values, life history, and social/family norms)

“How has [this cause or organization] been important in your life?”

See James, R. N., III. (2016). Phrasing the charitable bequest inquiry. VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations, 27(2), 998-1011.



“How did you learn to be generous?”

Stroman, M. K. (2014). Asking about asking: Mastering the art of conversational fundraising (2nd ed.). CharityChannel Press. p. 148

“How did you decide to first start supporting [the organization]?”

## Life History

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Vidmar, T. (May 1, 2020). Personal communication. Tony Vidmar, VP University Advancement and Public Affairs, Midwestern State University.

“Tell me about your journey since you [graduated / were first diagnosed / joined this cause].”

Comfort, J. & Lumpkin, S. (October, 2017). How to Have the MOST Productive Conversations: From Here to Eternity... [Paper presentation]. National Conference on Philanthropic Planning, Baltimore, MD. p. 6.

“When you were young, was there anyone whom you considered a role model for giving?”

“Can you tell me a bit more about who taught you to be generous or where your generous spirit comes from?”

Steenhuysen, J. (October 2012). Philanthropy planning: What to say and do in the room with your donors/clients to explore and document their philanthropy mission. [National Conference on Philanthropic Planning, New Orleans, LA. p. 7.



Green, F, Wagg, H. & Field, C. (2019). You can't take it with you: The art and science of legacy fundraising. Independently published. p. 106

“Is there anyone in your family who also cared about [this cause]?”

## Close People

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Eskin, J. (2019). 10 Simple Fundraising Lessons: A common sense guide to overcoming your fear of asking for gifts. Eskin Fundraising Training, LLC. p. 39

“Who are your philanthropic role models?”

“What inspires you to give?”

Cadogan, E. & Skinner, K. (October 2016). Transformational blended gifts: Shifting the organizational culture. National Conference on Philanthropic Planning, Dallas, TX, p.9



“How does your giving reflect your values, your feelings, and your aspirations?”

Ahem, T., & Joyaux, S. P. (2011). Keep your donors: The guide to better communications & stronger relationships. John Wiley & Sons. p. 147

## Personal Values

Muir, R. (November 17, 2015). 21 discovery questions to ask now. [blog]. <https://trust.guidestar.org/blog/2015/11/17/21-discovery-questions-to-ask-now/>

“What do you think are the most important factors to donors who make a major gift to our institution?”

Find their donor joy:  
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“Would you mind telling me about the causes that are most important to you?”

Melvin, A. (2018, October). The ties that bind: Effective cultivation techniques. [Paper presentation]. Charitable Gift Planning Conference. Las Vegas, NV. p. 5



# VICTORY:

How do the most successful fundraisers help the donor to define a personally meaningful victory?

**Find their donor joy:** Help them define a personally meaningful victory from their identity (personal values, life history, and social/family norms)

“What would you like to accomplish with your money that would be meaningful to you?”

Advancement Resources. (November 15, 2017). The power of the pause: Using silence in donor conversations. [Web page] <https://advancementresources.org/the-power-of-the-pause-using-silence-in-donor-conversations/>

“If you could do anything for [this organization or cause], if the sky was the limit, what would that look like to you?”

O’Neil, K. (May 6, 2020). Personal communication. Kim O’Neil Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement, Texas Tech University.



## Defining a personally meaningful victory

Comfort, J. & Lumpkin, S. (October 2017). How to Have the MOST Productive Conversations: From Here to Eternity... [Paper presentation]. National Conference on Philanthropic Planning, Baltimore, MD. p. 6.

“As you look out to the future, what is the legacy you would like to leave?”

Levine, J. & Selik, L. A. (2016). Compelling conversations for fundraisers: Talk your way to success with donors and funders. Chimayo Press. p. 76

“You’ve been such a loyal member of the ABC Charity family, and have supported ABC Charity’s mission for so many years, what are your dreams for where you’d like to see ABC Charity go in the future?”

# Spot victory solutions



We've been listening. We've been identifying and confirming their story connections. Now we match these with donor experiences and gift options

- What experiences would strengthen these connections?
- What employees, beneficiaries, or other donors should they meet?
- What giving opportunities or instruments match?

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Paul's fundraising campaign in 2 Cor 8 & 9 was for a restricted gift

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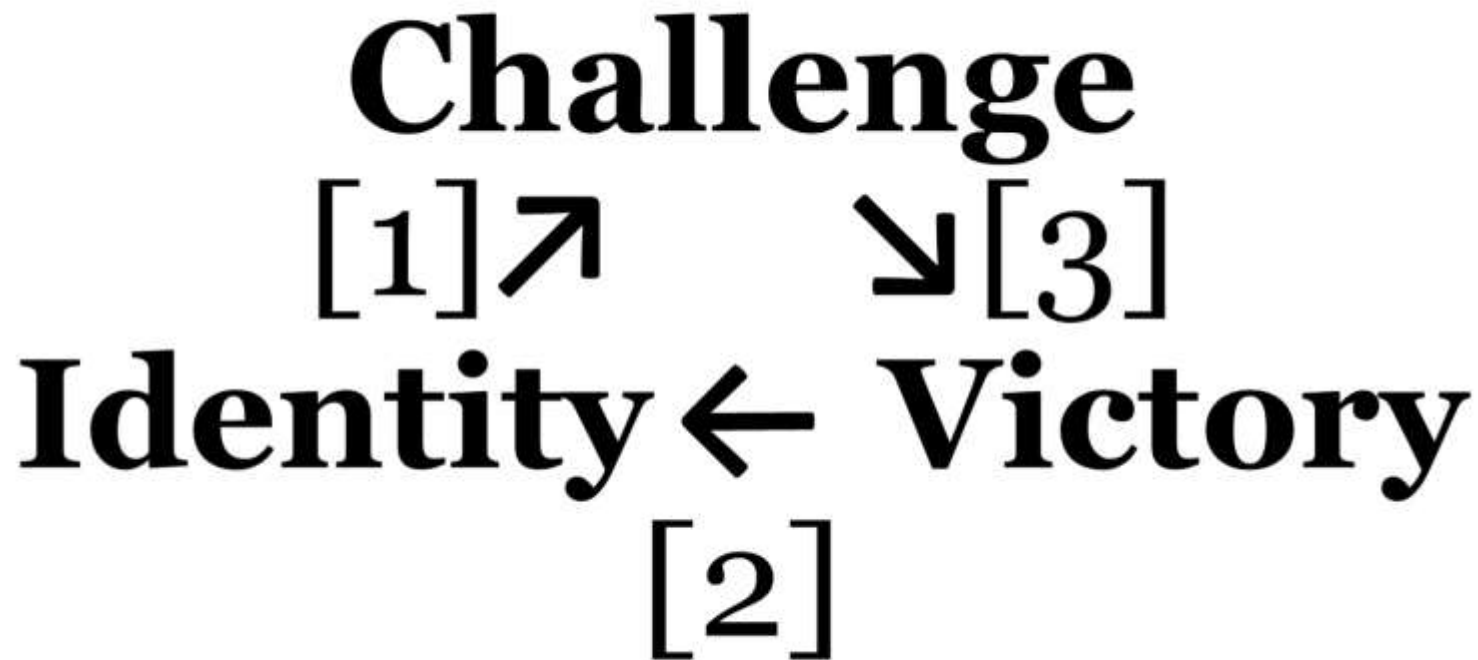
It was not for the general church budget. It was used to accomplish a specific project.

Remember, a gift to cover a specific part of the pre-planned budget works like unrestricted money.

- Is it more enjoyable (joyful) for the donor to give in this way?
- Is our goal just money-getting or is it joyful giving that reflects this specific donor's heart?



# Destination: The story cycle ask



[1] Identity → Challenge  
“You have *[describe identity connection]*.”

[2] Victory → Identity  
“You understand *[describe how the victory is personally meaningful]*.”

[3] Challenge → Victory  
“Would you consider a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to *[describe promised victory]*?”

Then, be silent.

[1] **“You have** changed so many lives through your support of our job training programs, just as your mother liked to say, ‘Giving people a hand up, not a handout.’”

[2] **“You understand** how this new training center would provide real opportunities for young people who start out with nothing but a willingness to work hard, just like you did.”

**Challenge**  
[1] ↗      ↘ [3]  
**Identity** ← **Victory**  
[2]

**The story cycle ask**

[3] **“Would you consider a gift of \$100,000** as one of our leadership-level donors **to help transform our community in this way?”**

[4] *Be silent*

[1] **“You have** been a friend of this library for over twenty years.”

[2] **“You understand** how a new regional history collection would preserve our shared heritage.”

**Challenge**  
[1]↗   ↘[3]  
**Identity ← Victory**  
[2]

The story cycle  
ask

[3] **“Would you consider a gift of \$50,000 to lead the campaign to make this a reality?”**

[4] *Be silent*

[1] **“You have** done so much to improve care for others since your own diagnosis with breast cancer.”

[2] **“You understand** how lives could be changed by offering free early screening.”

**Challenge**

[1]↗ ↘[3]

**Identity ← Victory**

[2]

**The story cycle ask**

[3] **“Would you consider a gift of \$100,000 to help fund next year’s screening clinics?”**

[4] *Be silent*

[1] **“You have** always had such a heart for supporting the arts in this community.

[2] **“You understand** how this new exhibition could make a real impact for art lovers and the whole city.”

**Challenge**  
[1] ↗      ↘ [3]  
**Identity ← Victory**  
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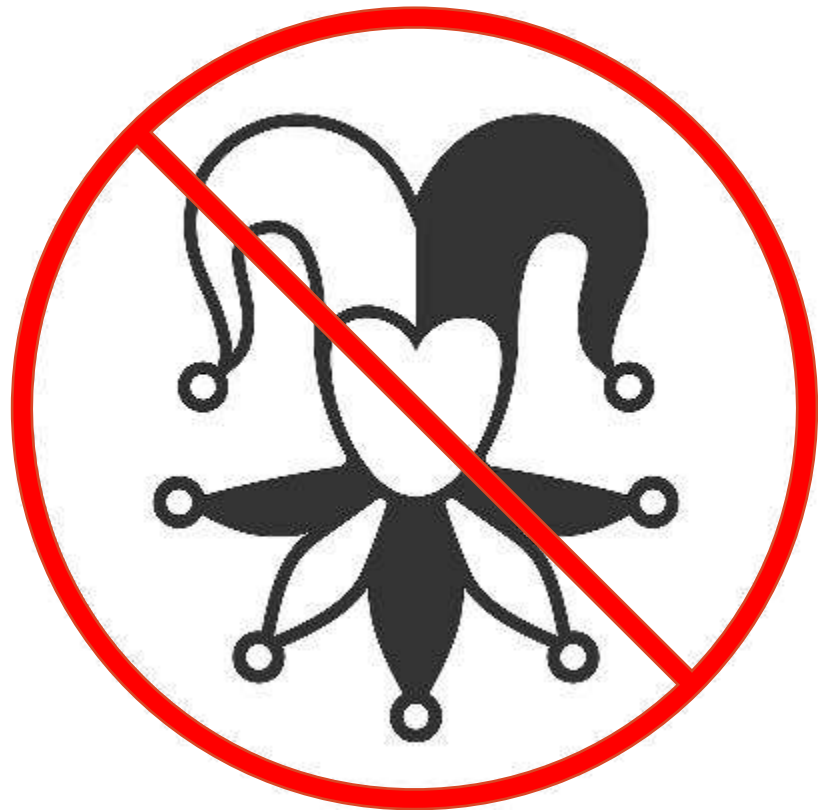
**The story cycle ask**

[3] **“Would you consider a gift of \$50,000 as our lead campaign donor to make this happen?”**

[4] *Be silent*

# Foolproof

Find their donor joy: Help them define a personally meaningful victory from their identity



## Challenge

[1] ↗      ↘ [3]  
**Identity ← Victory**  
[2]

You can't make the story cycle ask without the full story

- Don't know how the donor's story or values connect to the challenge?  
**Step 1 can't happen**
- Ask doesn't promise a specific impact?  
**Step 3 can't happen**
- Don't know why the gift's impact would be meaningful for the donor?  
**Step 2 is impossible**

# What's the point? Joyful giving from the heart!

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Does this work to generate major gifts? Absolutely yes!

Is that the point? No.

- The point is joyful giving from the heart.
- We HELP the donor to give in a way that brings them JOY and REFLECTS their inward heart (haplotēs “generous.”)



# Don't miss the point of your ministry!

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1. Joyful giving
  2. That reflects the donor's inward heart (*haplotēs* "generous").
- We HELP the donor to have a giving experience that REFLECTS their inward heart and brings them JOY.



Who are you being? The secular answer

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Fundraiser: fund (“money”) raiser (“getter”)

The role is “money-getter”

Not very inspirational, is it?



# What's the opposite? "I help our donors"

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I help our donors

- To make an impact that reflects their personal values and life story (***Giving from the heart***)
- To have the most enjoyable giving experience (***Giving joyfully***)
- To give smarter. I show them how to make a personally meaningful impact while still accomplishing their other financial goals (***Giving from abundance is more joyful!***)



## Fundraiser: The job description

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“Fundraiser” is not a scriptural term. It first arose in the 1880s.

- What does scripture say?
- What’s the role?
- What’s the job description?



## Paul as a “fundraiser”: The helpful advisor

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How does Paul describe his fundraising message to the donors?

- “But in this matter I give you an opinion; for my doing this **helps forward your own intentions**” (2 Corinthians 8:10, Weymouth).
- “But to counsel, **I advise you this to help you...**” (2 Corinthians 8:10a, Aramaic Bible in Plain English)
- “And this is my opinion about **what is helpful for you** in this matter...” (2 Corinthians 8:10a, Berean Standard Bible)



## Paul sends a “fundraiser”: The helpful advisor

- Titus is EXPLICITLY sent as a fundraiser: “So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:6 NLT).
  - What should we call Titus the fundraiser? “If anyone asks about Titus, say that he is my partner [*koinōnos*] who works with [*syn-ergos*] me **to help you.**” (2 Corinthians 8:23a NLT)
1. Through Titus, the donors have direct, personal access to the ministry leadership. Titus is Paul’s closely connected partner [*koinōnos*] and fellow-worker [*syn-ergos*].
  2. Titus is there **to help** the donors (purpose clause: *eis hymas.*)

## Paul teaches a major gift “fundraiser”: The helpful wealth advisor

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Timothy is to “parangelle” the wealth holders (1 Tim 6:17).

- Para – come close alongside
- Angelle – with an authorized message
- Greek present tense – constantly, continuously

Translations include “instruct,” “teach,” “tell,” and “counsel”

Professor Ceslas Spicq, describing this word in the noun form, *parangelias*, explains that it “can take on the mild sense of exhortation or counsel”



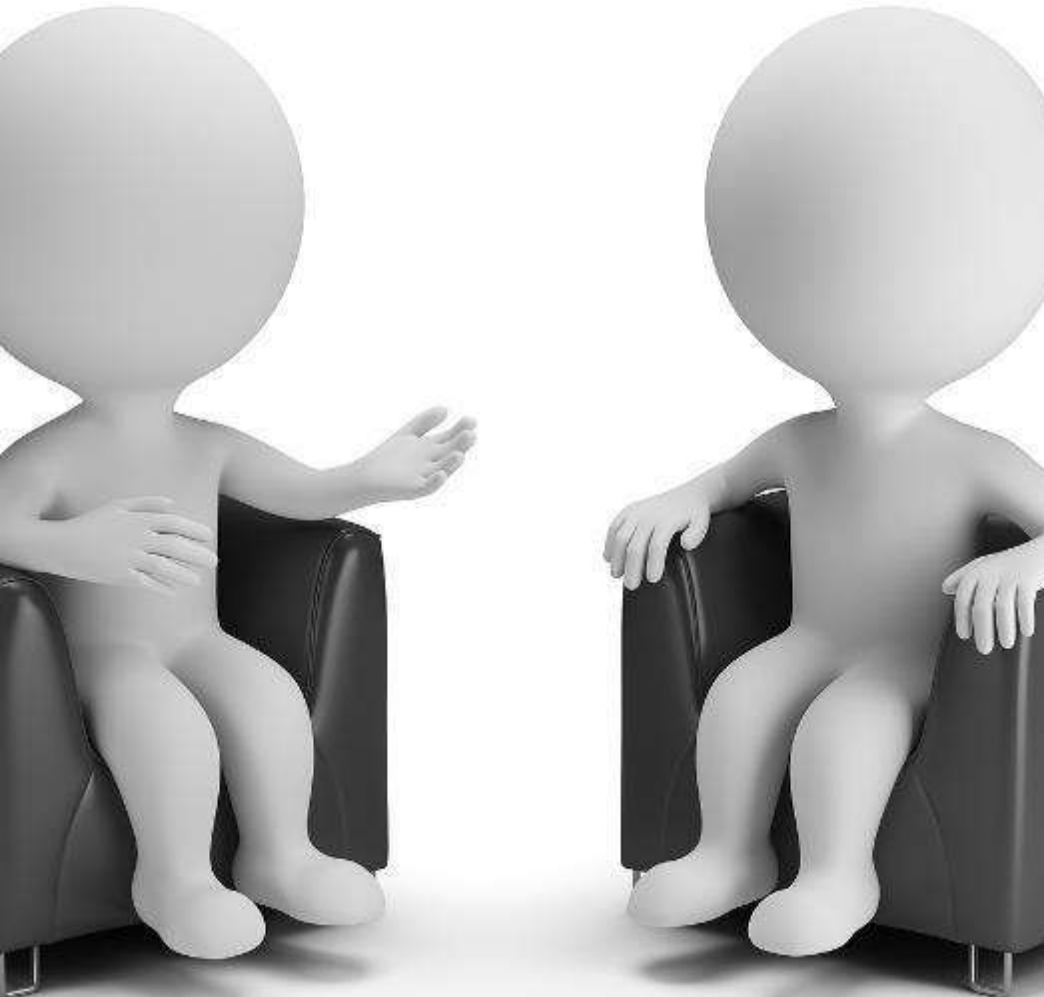
I provide guidance,  
advice, and planning  
that helps donors

- To make an impact that reflects their personal values and life story (***Giving from the heart***)
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**Guidance  
Advice  
Planning**

# The helpful advisor



Q: So, what do you do?

A: I work for [*charity name*]. My job is to show our donors how to give smarter.

Q: How do you do that?

A: I help our donors plan their gifts to make the impact that's most meaningful for them. We work through what they care about. We discuss what's been important in their lives. Then we connect that with possible projects that reflect their values and fit into their life story. This lets them use their money in a way that's more meaningful than just consuming more stuff.

... Are there any causes that have been important in your life?

... What was it that connected you to that cause?



# Challenging the new identity

**CHALLENGE:** So, you're a fundraiser. You ask people for money.

**RESPONSE:** Sometimes. It depends on the donor's goals. I'm just there to bring them ideas. Sometimes that means a gift. Sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes that means a gift to another charity. It's mostly about thinking creatively to build interesting options to help the donor accomplish their goals.



# Let me share a story...

- “I worked with one donor who is about your age. You actually remind me of her. Maybe because you both work with finance.” *[Listener is like the donor.]*
- “In talking with her I learned that she wouldn’t have been able to go to college without help from her late grandmother.” *[Pastoral sage elicits life story.]*
- “I also learned that she wanted to give others that same chance at an education.” *[Pastoral sage elicits goal.]*



Next, show them  
their abundance

- “I shared the idea of creating a permanent endowed scholarship. It would be dedicated for women studying financial planning. And it would be named in honor of her grandmother.” *[Pastoral sage provides creative option connecting with life story.]*
- “She loved the idea.” *[Donor affirms value.]*
- “But the \$250,000 minimum cost was too much for her.” *[Donor experiences conflict.]*

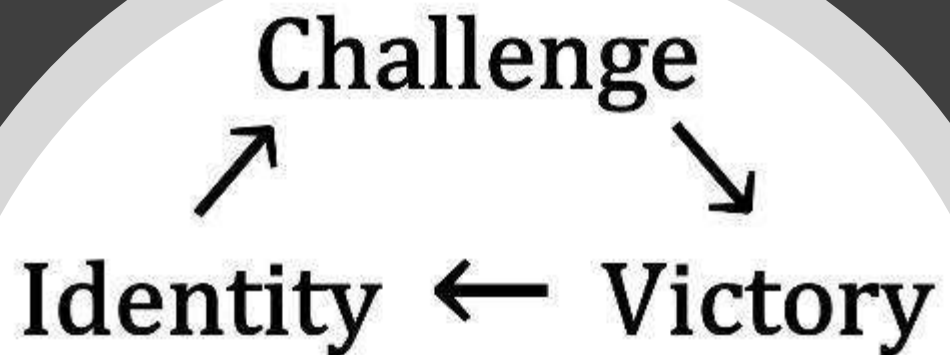
# Overcome the barrier by showing their abundance...

- “So, I suggested that she create a ‘virtual’ endowment. She donates the \$12,000 annual payout for students now, plus the same amount to build up the permanent fund. It’s backed up by a gift in her will to fully fund in case something happens. That way the permanent scholarship named for her grandmother starts right away.” *[Pastoral sage provides creative option.]*
- “I love to see how she connects with these young women now. Their lives have been changed because of her giving. And I think they have a special place in her heart because of her own journey.” *[Donor experiences victory.]*



The story of a gift connecting with the donor's

- Life story
- Family
- Career
- Values



# Teaches 6 novel gift concepts



1. Virtual
2. Permanent
3. Named
4. Scholarship
5. Honoring a loved one
6. For students in the donor's field



But we don't offer any of these things for our donors...

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Whose fault is that? Would it help to produce a more joyful giving experience if you did?

Would it help to produce a giving experience that more directly reflects the donor's heart?

What's your goal? Is it just "fund-raising as money-getting" or is it joyful giving that reflects the donor's heart?



# One more “generous” word

The NT word translated as “generous” is *haplotēs*.

Except in 1 Timothy 6:17-19. The wealth holders are to enjoy their wealth by using it “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be **GENEROUS** and ready to share” (NASB)

But this one isn't *haplotēs*. It's a new word. It never existed before. Paul made it up.

What giving concept could be so important (and new) that Paul would construct a brand-new word just to explain it?





A good sharer of  
abundance:  
eu+meta+dotous

It's an identity statement. It modifies the donor's "I am" verb. It's not just what the donor is DOING. It's who the donor is BEING.

Dotous: Giver

Meta+Dotous: Sharer (with or among a community)

Eu+: Good with the meaning range of

Ready/Willing -- Joyful/Abounding -- Abundant/Rich

# Why do we have “extra”?

1. We have a richly providing God. I Tim 6:17
  - “God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy”
  - “God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Cor 9:8 NIV)
2. We can’t take it with us when we go. I Tim 6:7
  - “For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it, either.”
3. We don’t need that much for contentment. 1 Tim 6:8
  - “If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.”
4. We should provide for needy family members but that’s not an unlimited goal
  - “If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.” 6:8
  - “If any woman who is a believer has dependent widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened.” 5:16a.

Giving from “extra”  
is more fun

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And that’s the goal!  
Joyful giving that  
reflects the donor’s  
heart.



OK, so do you REALLY want to be a SUPER successful MAJOR gifts fundraiser?

Here's the full step-by-step process...



# ***An expanded translation of 1 Timothy 6:17-19***

As for those in the church who are wealth holders right now at this opportune moment, continually come alongside them as an authorized messenger to instruct and advise them that they are to continue in the ongoing process of being not high-minded (not above the fellowship community),

that they have already in the past (with continuing effects on the present) placed their hope not on hidden, uncertain, and disappearing riches but on God,

the one who has and is and will continuously and personally supply every one of us richly with each and every thing

## **for the purpose of ENJOYMENT:**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically good
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful, good works that reflect their inward character,
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
- to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),
- thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good foundation fund for their future,

all so that they may aggressively grab hold of the experience of living a life that is really and truly life indeed (both now and later).

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As for those in the church who are wealth holders right now at this opportune moment,

This is your people group

continually come alongside them as an authorized messenger to instruct and advise them that they are not to be arrogant, being not high-minded (not above the fellowship community), that they have already placed their hope not on hidden, uncertain things, but on the present) placed their hope not on the one who has an uncertain future, but on the one who continually supply every one of us richly with each and every thing.

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all so that they may enjoy the good life of the present and the future, and that they may be able to share with others.

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As for those in the church who are wealth holders right now at this opportune moment,

**continually come alongside them as an authorized messenger to instruct and advise them**

that they are to continue in the ongoing process of being not high-minded (not above the fellowship community) (not looking for the future) (not placing their hope on the present) placed their hope not on hidden, uncertain things but on God, the one who has abundantly supply every one of us richly with each and every thing **for the purpose**

**This is your communication relationship**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically good
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful, good works that reflect their inward character,
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
- to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),
- thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good

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**that they are to continue in the ongoing process of being not high-minded (not above the fellowship community),**

that they have already in the past (with continuing effects on the present) placed their hope not on hidden, uncertain, and disappearing riches, but on the one who has and is and will continue to be with us richly with each and every thing

**for the purpose of ENJOYMENT:**

- to do good work accomplishing some
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, and beautiful things, and to protect their inward character,
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
- to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),
- thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good foundation fund for their future

**This is a reminder  
of their personal  
values**

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As for those in the church who are wealth holders right now at this opportune moment, continually come alongside them as an authorized messenger to instruct and advise them that they are to continue in the ongoing process of being not high-minded (not above the fellowship community),

**that they have already in the past (with continuing effects on the present) placed their hope not on hidden, uncertain, and disappearing riches but on God,**

the one who has and is rich will continue to be rich, and will be made rich by one of us richly with each and every thing

**for the purpose of ENJOYMENT**

- to do good work accomplishing s
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring character, reflect their inward
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
- to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),

**This is a reminder  
of their life history  
(and values)**

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As for those in the church who are wealth holders right now at this opportune moment, continually come alongside them as an authorized messenger to instruct and advise them that they are to continue in the ongoing process of being not high-minded (not above the fellowship community),

that they have already in the past (with continuing effects on the present) placed their hope not on hidden, uncertain, and disappearing riches but on God,

**the one who has and is and will continuously and personally supply every one of us richly with each and every thing**

**for the purpose of ENJOYMENT:**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful, character,
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing and abundant-rich sharer,
- to be a person who shares as a connected member of (as if they were closely bonded family members),
- thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a vibrant foundation fund for their future

**This is their social norm (we all face the same choice; we've all been richly blessed, just in different ways)**

and  
just

# *An expanded translation of 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

As for those in the church who are wealth holders rich continually come alongside them as an authorized member (that they are to continue in the ongoing process of building a fellowship community), that they have already in the past (with continuing hope not on hidden, uncertain, and disappearing riches) that of the one who has and is and will continue to easily and personally supply every one of us richly with each and every thing

This is the point:  
**JOYFUL giving**

## **for the purpose of ENJOYMENT:**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically good
  - to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful, good works that reflect their inward character,
  - to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
  - to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),
  - thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good foundation fund for their future,
- all so that they may aggressively grab hold of the experience of living a life that is really and truly life indeed (both now and later).

# *An expanded translation of 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

As for those in the church who continually come alongside the (that they are to continue in the fellowship community), that they have already in the presence of hidden, uncertain, and disaster, the one who has and is and will continuously and personally supply each and every thing

Enjoyment comes from IMPACT that reflects the heart!

## **for the purpose of ENJOYMENT:**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically good
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful, good works that reflect their inward character,
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,

# *An expanded translation of 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

As for those in the church who are wealthy, let them continually come alongside them as an example that they are to continue in the ongoing work that they have already in the past (with their disappearing riches but on God, the one who has and is and will continue to have).

## **for the purpose of ENJOYMENT**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically rewarding,
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful, good works that reflect their inward character,
- **to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,**
- **to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),**
- thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good

**This is living the good life right now!**

# ***An expanded translation of 1 Timothy 6:17-19***

As for those in the church who are wealthy, let them continually come alongside them as an aid, so that they are to continue in the ongoing life that they have already in the past (with their disappearing riches but on God, the one who has and is and will continue).

## **for the purpose of ENJOYMENT**

- to do good work accomplishing something intrinsically meaningful
  - to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful things that reflect their inward character,
  - to be a person who lives the good life of a ready-willing, joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
  - to be a person who shares as a connected member of a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),
  - **thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good foundation fund for their future,**
- all so that they may aggressively grab hold of the experience of living a life that is really and truly life indeed (both now and later).

**This is living the good life in the future!**

# *An expanded translation of 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

As for those in the church who are continually come alongside them (that they are to continue in the community), that they have already in the past hidden, uncertain, and disappeared the one who has and is and will continue every thing

This is living the good life BOTH now and in the future!

## **for the purpose of ENJOYMENT:**

- to do good work accomplishing something in good
- to be rich in many visible, inspiring, noble, beautiful works that reflect their inward character,
- to be a person who lives the good life of a ready sharer, a joyful-abounding sharer, and an abundant-rich sharer,
- to be a person who shares as a connected member in a reciprocal fellowship community (just as if they were closely bonded family members),
- thereby storing up for themselves the treasure of a visible, inspirational, beautiful, good foundation fund for their future,

all so that they may aggressively grab hold of the experience of living a life that is really and truly life indeed (both now and later).



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