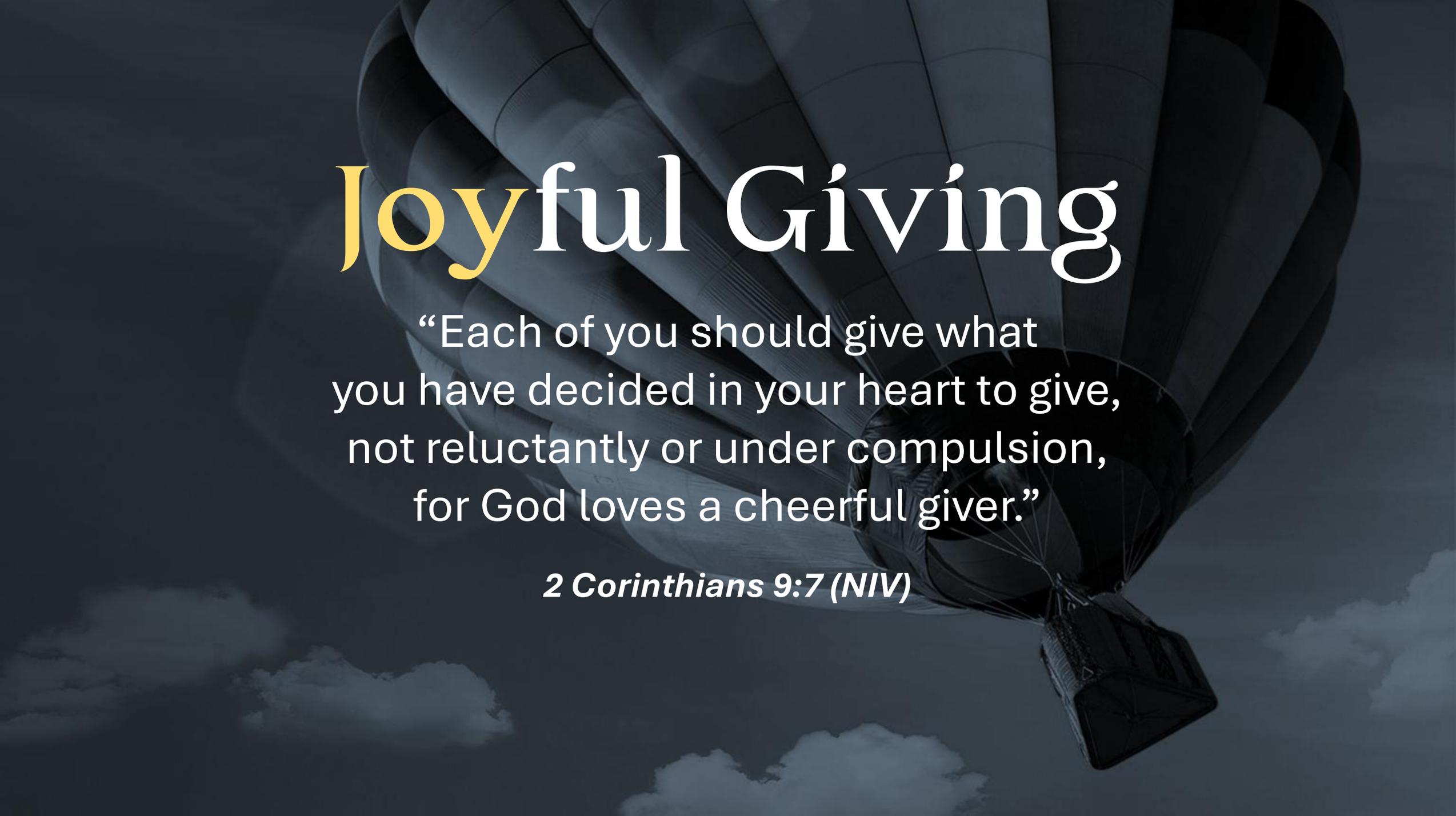




DREAM BIG!  
**Joyful Giving**  
Peace, Joy & Love



A large hot air balloon is shown from a low angle, floating in a dark, cloudy sky. The balloon's envelope is a deep blue or black color, and its basket is visible at the bottom. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

# Joyful Giving

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

*2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)*

A hot air balloon is shown floating in a dark, cloudy sky. The balloon is dark in color and has a basket hanging from it. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Joyful Giving

DREAM BIG LESSONS

For Finding Peace, Joy & Love in Stewardship

- 1 Stewardship & Joyful Giving
- 2 Seven Truths of Joyful Giving
- 3 God's Purposes for Money



# Dream Big Stewardship Joyful Giving

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“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

*1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)*



# Dream Big Stewardship Joyful Giving

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Christian Stewardship is our commitment to effectively and faithfully manage, share and **JOYFULLY** give our God-given gifts of time, talents and treasures that God has entrusted to us without compromising our values.



# Dream Big Stewardship Joyful Giving

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DEFINITION:

**Joyful Giving** is the unselfish and heart-felt act of freely and cheerfully gifting of our time, talents and treasures to benefit others without self-centered or self-serving motives or agendas.



# Dream Big Stewardship Joyful Giving

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Joyful Giving, unlike a gift given foolishly, selfishly, compulsively or out of obligation, instills in the heart of the giver an abundance of

peace, joy and love.

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# Dream Big Stewardship Joyful Giving

GIFTS OF JOYFUL STEWARDSHIP

Time

Time Management / Delegation

Talent

Gifts from the Holy Spirit / Intangible Gifts / Creative / Artistic

Treasures

Financial Planning

**3** God's DREAM BIG Purposes for Money

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# Dream Big Stewardship

# Joyful Giving

Priceless Intangible Gifts

- Time
- Talents
- Joy
- Caring
- Hugs
- Hugs
- Smiles
- Laughter
- Serving
- Kindness
- Wisdom
- Encouragement
- Compassion
- Discernment
- Mentoring
- **LOVE**



Seven DREAM BIG Truths of  
**Joyful Giving**

2

# Seven DREAM BIG Truths of Joyful Giving

- A Joyful Gift is **WORTH** more than its price tag.
- What fills your **HEART** is what you have to give.
- Discover **ALL** the gifts you have to give.
- A full **STOREHOUSE** has no room for fresh blessings.
- A sincere thank you **COMPLETES** the act of giving.
- Joyful Giving is a **HEALTHY** Choice.
- You can't **OUTGIVE** God!

1

# A Joyful gift is worth more than its price tag.

2

The true value of a gift is determined by the intention and heart of the giver instead of its material or monetary worth.

*“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)**

# 2 What fills your heart is what you have to give.

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You can't give what you don't have.  
You can't give love when your heart is full of hatred  
and you can't give joy when your spirit is full of anger.

*“A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.”*

**Luke 6:45 (NLT)**

# 3 Discover & Develop ALL the gifts you have to give.

2

A personal inventory can find hidden talents and Spiritual gifts that can serve God's Kingdom.

*“Do not neglect your gift...”*

**1 Timothy 4:14 (NIV)**

# 4 <sup>granary</sup> A full ~~storehouse~~ has no room for fresh blessings.

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If we hoard our gifts, there isn't room for us to receive new ones. If we keep our love from reaching out, we don't have room in our hearts to be loved.

*“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”*

***Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)***

# 5

## A sincere thank you completes the act of giving.

# 2

Without sincere appreciation, an uncaring receiver of a gift takes away the joy from the entire act of giving.

*“...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

***Ephesians 5:20 (NIV)***

# 6 Joyful Giving is a Healthy Choice.

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Several medical studies show that the act of joyful giving increases serotonin levels, lowers blood pressure and enhances the immune system of the GIVER, RECEIVER and OBSERVERS.

*“Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.”*

**3 John 1:2 (NLT)**

SOURCE: [UndergroundHealthReporter.com](http://UndergroundHealthReporter.com)

# 7

## You can't outgive God!

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This concept reflects a Spiritual truth that resonates throughout the Bible to encourage Christians to live generously with confidence in God's faithfulness.

*“And God will generously provide all you **need**. Then you will always have everything you **need** and plenty to share with others.”*

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)**

# God's Big Dream Purposes for **Money**

*Money is a gift from God with  
four primary Spiritual functions.  
It is a tool used by Stewards  
to serve God and support  
His works through His  
Holy Church.*

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# God's Spiritual Purpose for **Money**

Jesus often spoke about  
money to teach broader  
Spiritual Truths.

Jesus referred to some form of money  
in 11 out of 39 parables and roughly  
15% of His preaching.

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SOURCES: Rethink,  
Clear Creek Resources,  
ChristianWebsite.com

# God's Spiritual Purpose for **Money**

- Standard for Financial Stewardship
- Transfer of Consignments
- Reward for Righteousness
- Tool for Joyful Giving

3



# Standard for FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF Stewardship

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you are working for the Lord rather than for people.”

*Colossians 3:23 (NLT)*



# Standard for FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF Stewardship

The Bible sets the benchmark for stewardship by providing practical instruction on how to handle our finances in various worldly situations.

## Biblical Lessons:

- Lending Money
- Borrowing Money
- Investing Money
- Saving Money
- Working for Money
- Inheritance
- Giving Money

# Transfer of Consignments

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him.”

*Psalm 24:1 (NLT)*

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A glass jar filled with US coins, with a yellow circle containing the number 3 overlaid on the top right.

# Transfer of Consignments

Money serves as a measurement for transactions by which we transfer care, custody and control of a possession.

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# Reward for Righteousness

“The Lord has rewarded me  
according to my righteousness,  
according to my cleanness in  
His sight.”

*2 Samuel 22:25 (NIV)*

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# Reward for Righteousness

An award for righteousness is not just about temporal financial success or monetary gain. The Spiritual prize matters most to us as Christians.

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# Joyful Giving

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**:  
Where there is hatred, let me sow **love**...  
Where there is sadness, **joy**...  
For it is in giving that we receive...

*St. Francis of Assisi*

# Joyful Giving

Bible states Giving is the most important use of Money.

Depending on your translation, the words 'give', 'giving' or 'gave' are mentioned from about 1,300 to 1,500 times of the more than 2,000 verses on some form of money.

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# Joyful Giving

## 3 Takeaways

### 1

Christian STEWARDSHIP is the daily act of prudently managing our God-given gifts of TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES to the fullest of our capabilities while adhering to God's Holy Word.

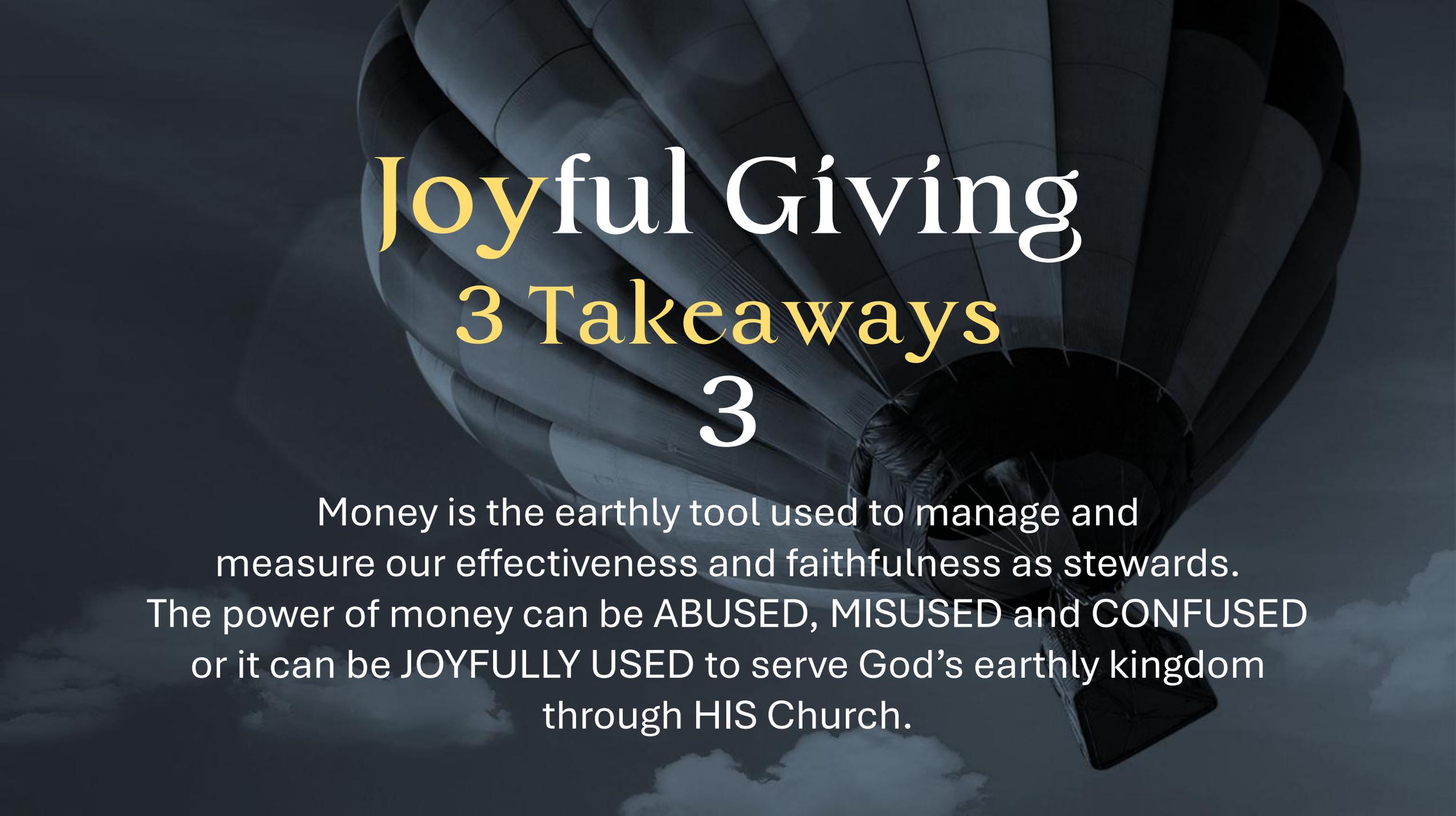


# Joyful Giving

## 3 Takeaways

### 2

The BLESSINGS that come from finding JOY in GIVING not only benefits us MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY and PHYSICALLY, it pleases GOD and benefits the PEOPLE OF GOD. JOYFUL GIVING EMPOWERS HIS CHURCH.



# Joyful Giving

## 3 Takeaways

### 3

Money is the earthly tool used to manage and measure our effectiveness and faithfulness as stewards. The power of money can be ABUSED, MISUSED and CONFUSED or it can be JOYFULLY USED to serve God's earthly kingdom through HIS Church.



A large, multi-colored hot air balloon is shown from a low angle, floating in a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The balloon's envelope is divided into horizontal sections of various colors: purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. The basket is visible at the bottom right, suspended by ropes.

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