

It's in you to give

Why give?

Worship: Honouring God with our lives (Rom 12.1)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers [and sisters], in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12.1)

"It's in you to give" because we're created in the image of a giving God. In many ways, we most true to our humanity, and most like God our father, when we give.

God is a giving God. (Matt 5.44-45; James 1.17) And we are most like him as his sons and daughters when we also give.

But he needs nothing we have. (Acts 17.24-25)

One of the ways that we can bless God is by blessing people made in his image. That is primarily how our offerings are used.

Fellowship: Meeting the cost of ministry to each other

Service: Bearing the cost of ministry to others

Ways of giving

Generously (Ex 36.4-7)

Spontaneously (Acts 2.44-45)

Regularly (1 Cor 16.2)