

"Giving That Feels Good"

Acts 4:32-37 (ref)

NLC Vision Statement: "Seek GROW Build"

~Seek - Matt 6:33, 7:7 (ref)

~GROW - Word/Relationships/Outreach/
Worship

~Build - Matt 7:24 (ref)

Five Motivations For Giving

1. Guilt "I have to"

~2 Cor 9:7 "cheerful giver"

~Strength: people will give out of guilt

~Weakness: not biblical, no joy

2. Responsibility "I ought to"

~2 Cor 8:1-7 Macedonians example

~"affliction"/"liberality"

~"this grace/gift"

~strength: good Christian trait
~weakness: gave enough, legalism, no life

3. Someone's Need "I want to"

~2 Cor 8:13-15 (ref)

~strength: good to help others, it works

~weakness: not everyone sees or approves the same need, always needs, opinions

4. Thanksgiving "I can't help giving"

~1 Chronicles 16:29 "glory", "offering",
"worship"

~strength: biblically sound

~weakness: Luke 17:17(ref) only one, not always thankful

5. Worship "It's my nature!" 2 Cor 8:5 (ref)

~Matt 6:3-4, Col 3:2-3, Eph 6:7 (refs)

~2 Cor 9:12-13 "proves obedience"

~1 Tim 6:17-19 "act of trust"
~Phil 4:18 "sacrifice to God"
~strength: pleases God, true contentment
~weakness: none!

After Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:12-14

~v12 "miracles and unity"
~v13 respect
~v14 multitudes added

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~not guilt, not responsibility, not needs, not
thankfulness

~as an act of worship!

"they first gave themselves to the Lord, then to
us by the will of God"

2 Corinthian 8:5