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**Essential**

**Practices**

**Let God Touch Your Heart**

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**The Joy of Giving**

*Matthew 6:19-21*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-9*

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**Matthew 6:19-21**

**19**“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20**Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **21**Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-9**

**6**Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. **7**You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” **8**And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. **9**As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”

**1. We have joy in giving when we see that it brings spiritual benefit.**

 - Matthew 6:19-21, Galatians 5:22

**2. We have joy in giving when we see that it builds character.**

 - Luke 12:13-15, 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**3. We have joy in giving when we see that it helps us to achieve financial freedom.**

 - Luke 16:1-15

* **Action Step:**

Make a commitment and a plan to give a percentage of your income on a regular basis. Doing so prayerfully and sincerely will result in bringing joy into your life.