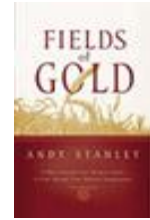


## ***Fields of Gold, by Andy Stanley***

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As Christians, we know that we should give but under the growing pressures to make ends meet each month, fear often stands in the way of generosity. And when we let it, this fear has the potential to rob us of an intimate relationship with God. *Fields of Gold* will change the way you think about money and giving. When we truly understand God's power and presence, we can't help but trust Him to meet our needs. Doesn't it make sense to trust the God of the universe with your finances? Isn't it time to put aside the worry and start living in confidence? Author Andy Stanley shows us that those who sow generously can expect to reap generously and receive a bountiful return: Fields of gold—in this life, as well as the life to come.



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### **Discussion Questions**

1. How does fear inhibit our ability to give? How might addressing fear free us for the task of giving?
2. What are some of the biggest “what ifs” in life that seem to make giving impossible?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9. What promises does God give to the believer in order to comfort fear and inspire generosity?
4. Why does the believer need to submit his finances to God’s control if he wishes to become generous?
5. How do the four P’s of giving (priority giving, percentage giving, progressive giving, and prompted giving) encourage us to be generous in all areas of our being (heart, mind, strength and soul)?
6. What are the benefits of following a giving plan?
7. Is fear necessarily a bad motive for giving? If not, what are some good fears to prompt giving?
8. How is fear related to joy in giving?
9. How does an eternal perspective change our attitude toward money?
10. How does realizing that the money we give away is not really ours change our attitude toward giving?