

August 1, 2026

Local Church Budget

A billionaire once said that one of the greatest investments he ever made wasn't in business... it was in giving.

Richard Marvin DeVos Sr. built one of the most successful businesses in America. But he believed everything he owned belonged to God. Over his lifetime, he and his wife gave away hundreds of millions of dollars to ministries, hospitals, schools, and families in need.

DeVos often said generosity changed him more than it changed the people receiving the gifts. Instead of living in fear of losing what he had, he found greater joy, purpose, and peace by holding everything with open hands.

Maybe you've been wondering if you can really trust God with your finances. When you place what you have in God's hands, He often changes your heart before He changes your circumstances.

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August 8, 2026

Christian Record Services (NAD)

One financial expert says the biggest blessing in his life didn't start with making money... it started with giving it away.

Dave Ramsey lost everything in his twenties. His real estate business collapsed, he went bankrupt, and he wondered how he would rebuild. During that season, he began taking God's Word seriously. Even when money was tight, he chose to tithe—not because he expected to get rich, but because he wanted to trust God more than his fear.

Dave Ramsey has often shared that something changed long before his finances did. He found peace. His fear began to fade. Years later, he rebuilt his life, founded Ramsey Solutions, and has helped millions learn biblical principles for managing money.

Maybe you're holding on tightly because you're afraid there won't be enough. Trusting God doesn't always change your circumstances overnight, but it can change your heart today.

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August 15, 2026

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This man gave away almost everything he earned... yet he never seemed to run out.

George Müller dedicated his life to caring for thousands of orphaned children in England. Instead of asking people for money, he chose to pray and trust God to provide. Whenever God blessed him financially, he gave generously to help others, even when his own needs weren't fully met.

Again and again, food arrived when the cupboards were empty, donations appeared at just the right time, and the orphanages kept operating. George Müller said those moments taught him something greater than financial security—they taught him that God could be trusted.

Maybe you're worried that generosity will leave you with less. Sometimes the greatest blessing isn't what comes back to your wallet—it's the peace that comes from placing your future in God's hands.

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August 22, 2026

Local Conference Advance

This inventor started giving away 90% of his income... and says he was the one who became richer.

R. G. LeTourneau built one of the world's leading heavy equipment companies. Early in his career, he decided that everything he owned belonged to God. Instead of holding tightly to his money, he gradually increased his giving until he was living on just 10% of his income and giving away the other 90%.

LeTourneau often said, "I shovel money out, and God shovels it back—but God has a bigger shovel." More important than the financial success, he testified that trusting God gave him peace, purpose, and the joy of knowing his resources were changing lives around the world.

Maybe you're holding tightly to something because you're afraid to let go. Trusting God with what He's given you doesn't leave you empty—it teaches you that He is enough.

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August 29, 2026

Local Church Budget

A man gave a struggling stranger \$40... and three years later, she walked back into his life.

Chris Wright was driving his family to church in Georgia when he saw a woman named TunDe Hector walking through the rain with a gas can. She had run out of gas and only had \$5.

Chris helped her get gas, then gave her the \$40 in his wallet. He expected nothing in return.

Three years later, Chris Wright's mother was dying from complications of Parkinson's disease and needed someone to care for her.

Her nursing aide was TunDe Hector.

Neither recognized the other at first. But when TunDe shared the story of a stranger who once helped her, they realized God had brought their lives together again.

After Chris's mother died, his family helped raise tens of thousands of dollars so TunDe could finish nursing school.

Maybe you think what you have to give is too small to matter. But God can use one act of generosity to begin a story whose ending you cannot yet see.

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