

# The Art of Giving

By Matthew Porter

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Bishop Matthew's book is an invitation to the reader to learn the 'Art of Giving' and to put it into practice on a daily basis. This is on the understanding that giving - and in the context of this book, the giving of money predominantly - is part of the 'stretching and adventurous life of discipleship' for followers of Jesus.

The book identifies 5 ways in which generosity with finances and resources can be best expressed; cheerfully, regularly, occasionally, collectively and expectantly. It is these 5 characteristics that provide the key chapters of the book.

Although quite short, at under 130 pages, 'The Art of Giving' is packed with biblical study and personal stories which make each chapter engaging, relatable and focused.

I really enjoyed the book and found its accessible style helpful in unpacking what can often be a tricky subject. I would definitely recommend the book to others looking for personal growth in this area.

This book is also available to loan from the [North East Religious Resource Centre](#)