

Deuteronomy 14:22-29
Advent Series: Giving Like the Great Giver
“*Why We Give*”
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Why is it appropriate to talk about giving *now*, during the season of Advent?

What was/is central to worship in each of these traditions:

Old Testament -

Catholic/Lutheran -

Reformed -

Some Evangelical -

Virtually every recent study done on giving all reveal that American Christians, on average, give how much?

We are commanded to give **SO THAT** . . .

1) “. . . so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always” (Deut. 14:23).

What does *giving* have to do with “revering” God?

How is this law of God designed with *our* benefit in mind?

2) “. . . so that the Levites . . . And the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied . . .” (Deut. 14:29a).

What would be the absolute funnest Congregational Meeting to attend?

3) “. . . so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands” (Deut. 14:29b).

What *doesn't* this mean?

What *does* this mean?

“You'll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul. Why?
Because you can't take it with you.”

- Randy Alcorn -