## What does it mean to be a Christian philanthropist?

- Giving is a response to the grace of God.
- Systematic giving is proportionate.
- The proportion should be significant (faithful response).
- Giving increases with spiritual maturity.
- Giving is a first priority.
- Giving is reviewed constantly.
- The giver is alert and responsive to God's call to give in other ways.
- The giver is sensitive to his or her part in God's movement through history.
- Giving is an expression of how much God has of the giver's life.
- Giving is regarded not as a payment for what God has done but as a response to God's grace and love.

Creating a Climate for Giving (Discipleship Resources, 2003), p. 44

