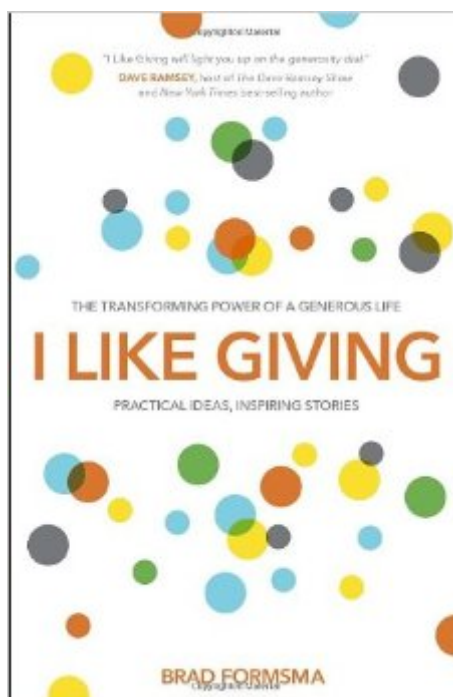


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# I Like Giving: The Transforming Power Of A Generous Life



## Synopsis

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“Mark Batterson • When you choose to live a generous life, you start to change and so does the world around you. Something incredible happens when giving becomes your own idea, not something you do out of duty or obligation. When you move from awareness to action, miracles happen. As you make giving a lifestyle, you™ll realize you™re not only loving life more, you™re also creating a more generous world” a better world for all of us. Rich with inspiring stories and practical suggestions, I Like Giving helps you create a lifestyle of generosity. Inside you™ll find: • Giving • something you get to do, not something you™ve got to do. • How to raise kids with a sensitivity to others™ needs. • You don™t have to be a millionaire to make a difference. • Practical ideas for giving to people around you every day. I Like Giving is about experiencing the joy of giving. We all have something to give. Giving goes way beyond money or things. It can be a listening ear, a touch, or simply the gift of time. Giving is living.

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The transforming power of a generous life, practical ideas, inspiring stories. With praise from both Dave Ramsey and Mark Batterson, as well as a totally cool cover (complete with multi-colored polka dots!), this book had my attention as soon as I pulled it out of the box it arrived in. The author tells many stories, but one statement really stood out to me. His grandfather wrote him a note when he was fourteen and it said, "Brad, Winston Churchill said you make a living by what you earn and a life by what you give. I thought this would be well worth remembering. Love, Gramps." He goes on to

talk about how "prophetic" that note actually was, and how his life changed over time to be less about having and more about giving. But what an incredible thing, to remember spending time with your grandpa (or with any family member!), who spent the time to make things (in the case of his grandpa, it was making loaves of bread together) intending to give them away to others who needed them, and who really taught you - in a practical way - about the power of a gift. That is an incredible legacy to leave behind, it really is! Later in the book, he tells us that "Joy doesn't come from filling your life with stuff. Joy comes from giving your life away." There are many examples provided of ways to give more away, and to live a life of generosity instead of one that is ultimately about being selfish. Examples are given from the author's life, and from stories submitted by other people. They are some really amazing stories of generosity, and well worth reading! Each section is pretty short, making this an easy book to read in chunks, and it would be a wonderful book to use in a small group.

When I was given the chance to review this book, I immediately accepted! My husband and I both love to give whenever possible, so I couldn't wait to see what this book offered. I came away with a greater determination to give whenever possible and to encourage others to live a generous life. *I Like Giving: The Transforming Power of a Generous Life* alternates between powerful true stories of creative giving and lessons that discuss how giving affects us and those around us, whether we realize it or not. It is filled with practical ideas of how you can live a generous life - and not all of them involve money! Among other things, the author emphasizes that giving is something that you get to do, not something that you have to do. He also talks about how to raise kids who have a sensitivity to meeting the needs of others - and as a soon-to-be parent, I especially loved those lessons! Here are just a few of my favorite quotes: "Before we became givers, our lives were pretty empty. We were living the American Dream and were good at it, but it turned out to be more of a nightmare than a dream. Ultimately, it was superficial. When your life is just about your next restaurant dinner, the next remodeling project, or the next lifestyle upgrade, it's not that rich. Sure, money can buy things, but money can't buy joy. Joy doesn't come from filling your life with stuff. Joy comes from giving your life away (p. 20).""...what we've learned has convinced us that giving is absolutely essential to life. If you're not experiencing happiness and satisfaction in your life, giving to others could be the one thing that turns that around. Not only does it result in a healthier, happier you, but it creates a better world for all of us.

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