

GIVER

LIKELY QUALITIES AND TRAITS

- Desire to give secretly
- Giving is foundational to them
- Able to motivate others to give
- Able to see resources regardless of financial position
- Gives freely of money, possessions, time, energy, love - investing themselves with their gift
- Not motivated by emotional appeals - they desire to be led by the Spirit
- Discerning, not gullible
- Want to feel like they are a part of the ministry or organization they are giving to
- Want the ministries they support to be as effective as possible in spreading the gospel
- They trust their gift will answer a prayer, gets great joy from this
- Will view hospitality as an opportunity to give
- Is concerned that the giving will not corrupt or create a dependency
- Will give from excess or poverty
- Wants gifts to be of high quality or craftsmanship
- Is moved to pray for needs of others
- Handles finances with wisdom and frugality
- Exercises personal thriftiness
- Seeks confirmation on the amount to give
- Quickly volunteers to help where a need is seen
- Believes God is the source of his/her supply
- Is very industrious with a tendency toward success, natural business ability
- Likes to get the best value for the money spent
- Makes friends easily

DANGERS TO BE AWARE OF

- Using financial giving to get out of other responsibilities
- May try to control how contributions are used, or control people
- Pressures others to give
- Feeling guilty about personal assets
- Giving too sparingly to family, or tends to spoil own children and relatives (extremes)
- Giving to projects vs people
- Waiting too long to give
- Causing others to look to him/her instead of to God

