Economic Values Survey 1992 (Used in Wuthnow’s *God and Mammon*)

Generosity Questions

From [http://thearda.com/Archive/Files/Codebooks/ECON_CB.asp](http://thearda.com/Archive/Files/Codebooks/ECON_CB.asp)

120) How important is each of the following to your basic sense of worth as a person: absolutely essential, very important, somewhat important, not very important? -- helping people in need

1) Absolutely essential  
2) Very important  
3) Somewhat important  
4) Not very important  
5) Don't know

172) In the past year, how often have you discussed each of the following with the people outside your immediate family: never, hardly ever, fairly often, quite often? - how much you gave to charities

1) Never  
2) Hardly ever  
3) Fairly often  
4) Quite often

187) Do you give to any charitable organizations?

1) Yes  
2) No  
3) Don't know/Refused

188) ASKED ONLY OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO GIVE MONEY TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. Do you generally give on a regular, planned basis or give when you happen to feel there is a need?

1) Give on a regular, planned basis  
2) Give when you happen to feel there is a need  
3) Other  
4) Don't know/Refused
317) ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES. When you attend religious services, how important is each of the following to you: very important, fairly important, not very important, or not at all important? -- the opportunity to give back some of the money God has given you

1) Very important  
2) Fairly important  
3) Not very important  
4) Not at all important  
5) Don't know

369) Do you mostly agree or mostly disagree with each statement on this card? -- I should give God a percentage of the money I earn.

1) Mostly agree  
2) Mostly disagree  
3) Don't know

395) Which one of these would be the best definition of stewardship: giving a certain percentage of your money to the church, using your individual talents in a responsible way, taking good care of our planet, or remembering that God made everything?

1) Giving a certain percentage of your money to the church  
2) Using your individual talents in a responsible way  
3) Taking good care of our planet  
4) Remembering that God made everything  
5) Other  
6) Don't know/Refused

398) Do you mostly agree or mostly disagree with each of these statements? -- Giving money to churches is more important than giving it to other organizations.

1) Mostly agree  
2) Mostly disagree  
3) Don't know

399) Do you mostly agree or mostly disagree with each of these statements? -- It annoys me when churches ask me to give money.

1) Mostly agree  
2) Mostly disagree  
3) Don't know
400) Do you mostly agree or mostly disagree with each of these statements? -- I'd rather give money to a needy family than to a church.

1) Mostly agree
2) Mostly disagree
3) Don't know

402) Do you mostly agree or mostly disagree with each of these statements? -- I'm too busy to do church work.

1) Mostly agree
2) Mostly disagree
3) Don't know

408) Would each of the following make you more likely to give money to a church, not make any difference, or make you less likely to give? -- if the church were doing more to help the needy

1) More likely
2) Not make any difference
3) Less likely
4) Don't know

430) Do you yourself happen to be involved in any charity or social service activities, such as helping the poor, the sick, or the elderly?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Don't know/Refused

431) ASKED ONLY OF THOSE RESPONDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CHARITIES OR SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES. About how many hours a week do you spend on these activities?

1) Less than one hour a week
2) One hour to less than two hours
3) Two hours to less than five hours
4) Five hours to less than ten hours
5) Ten hours to less than twenty hours
6) Twenty hours or more
7) Don't know/Refused
434) In the past year, have you -- donated time to a volunteer organization?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Don't know

435) In the past year, have you -- worked on a community service project?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Don't know

436) In the past year, have you -- done volunteer work at your church or synagogue?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Don't know

437) In the past year, have you -- given money to a beggar?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Don't know

438) To help the needy in our society, do you think each of the following would help a lot, help a little, or not help? -- if more people gave a few hours a week to doing volunteer work

1) A lot
2) A little
3) Not help
4) Don't know