

Economic Values Survey 1992 (Used in Wuthnow's *God and Mammon*)  
Generosity Questions  
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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