

Does It Represent You?

It happened one time after a pastor had made an appeal in church for a great and worthy cause.

A certain woman, a member of the church, came to him and handed him a check for \$50. At the same time, she asked if her gift was satisfactory.

The pastor immediately replied, "If it represents you."

After a moment of soul-searching thought, she asked to have the check returned to her, and she left with it.

A day or two later, she returned and handed the pastor a check for \$5,000. Again, she asked the same question: "Is my gift satisfactory?"

The pastor gave the same answer as before, "If it represents you." And as before, a truth seemed to be driving deeply. After a few moments of hesitation, she took back the check and left.

Later in the week, she came again with a check. This time, it was for \$50,000. As she placed it in the pastor's hand, she said, "After earnest, prayerful thought, I have come to the conclusion that this gift does represent me, and I am happy to give it."

Certainly, financial resources are important for any organization – a church, a business, non-profit entities, educational institutions and the government.

But beyond the money, does your giving represent you?

When it comes to stewardship, are you giving of yourself in a manner that represents you? God created each of us with a plan in mind. He gave us abilities that are unique to accommodate His purposes.

Are you exercising and developing those talents? Do you know what yours are? Have you taken the time to consider your skills so that you may apply them in the most meaningful and effective ways?

If you haven't, it's time to do so. And answer the question: Do they represent you?

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them (Romans 12:6 ESV).



– Beecher Hunter