

# The Anonymous Donor

Over the span of 15 years, a New Jersey businessman anonymously gave away more than \$600 million to universities, medical centers and other beneficiaries.

When a legal complication forced him to reveal his identity, he explained his generosity by saying, “Nobody can wear two pairs of shoes at one time. I simply decided I had too much money.”



A friend of the donor described him as a man who doesn't own a house or a car, flies economy class, wears a \$15 watch, and “didn't want his money to crush him.”

Few people seem able to treat their resources as a servant instead of a master. It seems so natural and sensible to grasp rather than to give.

Even as followers of Christ, we may mistakenly believe that godliness is a means of gain. But the apostle Paul wrote, “Godliness with contentment is great gain ... And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content” (I Timothy 6:6, 8).

Money, then, is what we make it – a master or a servant.

– Beecher Hunter