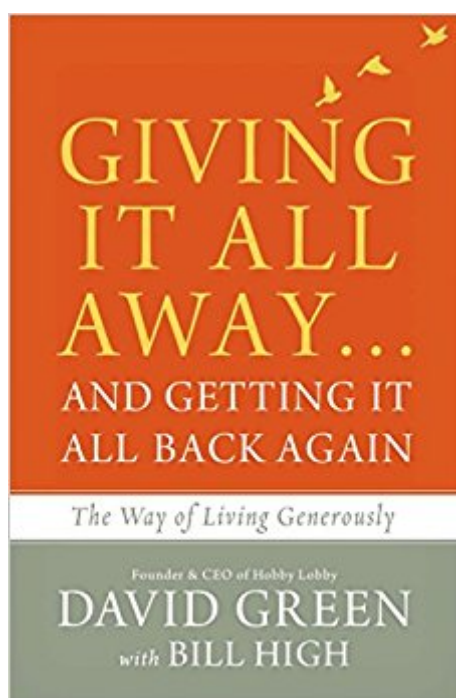


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Giving It All Away—And Getting It All Back Again: The Way Of Living Generously



Synopsis

David Green believes that generosity and building a legacy based on giving can lead to getting back what you really want: a family that stays together, prays together, and shares life joyfully. Green tells the story of caring for the small things and starting Hobby Lobby in their garage. He shares the difference between the worlds of “having and hoarding” and a world of “giving and generosity,” the principle of working for God and not for men, and that now is not too soon to consider what you want your legacy to be. As proof of how living by those principles can change your life, Green shares that when Hobby Lobby came close to bankruptcy in 1986 and when the Supreme Court challenged the Hobby Lobby’s right to life beliefs in 2014, the company emerged with its integrity intact. Green sees the life of giving as a life of adventure. But it’s a life that pays the best rewards personally, offers a powerful legacy to your family, and changes those you touch.

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Because of his faith and generosity, David Green has changed the world. His love and friendship have changed our ministry. His story will change your walk with God. (Dr. David Jeremiah, founder and president, Turning Point Ministries) If you want to be smart, you find out what smart people do and imitate that. And I’ve known David Green long enough to understand that he is worth imitating. His business wisdom is surpassed only by his integrity and faith. This book reflects David at his very best. (Dave Ramsey, bestselling author and nationally syndicated radio show host) By

any measure, David Green is a successful businessman. But much more important, David is a faithful man and a generous man, because he sees life with an eternal perspective. He understands that God entrusts us with his resources to do his work here on earth, for the purposes of heaven. This is an inspiring and challenging book that has the potential to change the way you look at everything you do. (Jim Daly, president, Focus on the Family) David Green has lived out his true calling to lead a company owned by God and for God's glory. The way of living generously comes from humble life lessons. David not only learned these critical lessons but applies them daily in all aspects of his life. (Terence Chatmon, president and CEO, Fellowship of Companies for Christ International) I am honored to give my unreserved endorsement to this wonderful book! I believe it will become a classic and treasured work and an inspiration for countless others. I read it with great joy and will recommend it to our team and members as soon as it is available. (Buck Jacobs, founder, C12 Group) David Green's new book is hands down the most amazing story about giving I've ever read. Get ready to be blessed as you read this power-packed book sure to inspire you to embrace a life of extravagant generosity. (Craig Groeschel, pastor, Life.Church; author, Divine Direction: Seven Decisions That Will Change Your Life) We tend to overestimate what we can achieve in short periods of time and underestimate what God can do with a man or woman over a lifetime. Look at the principles, lessons, disciplines, and results of David Green's life and be inspired to trust God! (Dr. Roy L. Peterson, president and CEO, American Bible Society) This is a landmark book on the delight and joy of generous giving. May it ignite a massive movement of lavish generosity with eternity in view! David Green gets it. (And he gives it away!) (Dick Eastman, international president, Every Home for Christ) This book is a compelling case for radical generosity borne out of personal experience. Read it. It is practical, inspiring, and challenging. (J. Frank Harrison III, chairman and CEO, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated) This book lays out tested biblical principles for family legacy and wealth management based on real life examples from the Green family. Your business and your family will be the beneficiaries of their strong thinking. (Greg Leith, CEO, Convene) David Green's remarkable story of building a business and then making its assets available to the kingdom of God involves an unswerving commitment of stewardship over the wealth God has entrusted to him. This book will inspire you to do as Jesus said: "Seek first his kingdom." (Dr. George O. Wood, general superintendent, General Council of the Assemblies of God) David Green shares the biblical principles that guide his family's radical generosity. Candid and compelling, this book will change the way you look at your possessions and inspire you to believe God for opportunities to give more away. (Hal Donaldson, president, Convoy of Hope, Inc.) I can think of few people living out the idea of biblical

generosity like David. The values expressed in this book are timeless because they are biblical. I commend this book to all seeking to leave their family's legacy for generations to come. (Chris Holdorf, CEO, National Christian Foundation) This book shares one man's story of learning to live with an open hand and the blessings of a God who is faithful and extravagantly generous. You will find wisdom that comes from walking in everyday decisions that lead to the peace and security of God's plan to give it all away. (Lee Truax, president, CBMC, Inc.) Wealth is found in our families through the values transferred from one generation to the next. David Green has demonstrated not only to his own family but to the family of believers worldwide how we can all be truly wealthy only by giving it all away. (Paul Weber, president and CEO, Family Policy Alliance) I've long known of the Green family and their extraordinary generosity. I also know that when a man like David Green writes a book, I want to read it cover to cover. (Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, president, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference) To me, David Green is truly a hero of the faith. It is a privilege to recommend this book, which reflects the proper perspective on stewarding what God has entrusted to each of us. May each of us follow his example. (Ron Blue, founder, Kingdom Advisors) David Green has publicly taken courageous moral stands with Hobby Lobby, a company he founded, but which he knows belongs to God. I loved this wonderful book of wise and integrity-permeated perspectives on God-honoring values in the workplace, enduring family legacies, and the heartfelt joy and enduring rewards of giving. (Randy Alcorn, author, Heaven and The Treasure Principle)

David Green is soft-spoken, passionate about his faith, and dedicated to his family. He is also the founder of the largest privately owned arts and crafts retailer in the world. In 1970 David Green borrowed \$600.00 to buy a molding chopper, set up shop in his garage at home, and started making miniature wooden picture frames. As of 2015, Hobby Lobby employs over 32,000 people, operates 600 stores in forty-seven states, and grosses 3.6 billion dollars a year. Currently David serves on the Board of Reference for Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2013, he was honored by receiving the World Changer award, and is also a past Ernst & Young national retail/consumer Entrepreneur of the Year Award recipient. In June of 2014 the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in favor of David and Barbara Green, and Hobby Lobby. The historic ruling protected Hobby Lobby and the Green Family from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that would have required it to provide and facilitate, against their religious convictions, four potentially life-terminating drugs and devices in the company's health insurance plan. David & his wife Barbara are the proud parents of two sons and one daughter, grandparents to

ten, and great grandparents to eight. They are actively pursuing what it looks like to leave a lasting legacy. Bill High practiced law for twelve years before becoming the CEO of the National Christian Foundation Heartland. His mission is to change the way people think about generosity and their practice of it. He is married to Brooke and they have four children, two son-in-laws, and one grandchild. He can be found at www.billhigh.com.

My husband and I have been at a point of trying to understand how best to begin to giving away that which we have accumulated together. David Green's book was extremely informative in providing guidance to us, both as Christians and as heads of our family. Mr. Green reminds us that we are only stewards of what God has provided and that looking to God's will and wisdom in giving is the correct and proper thing to do. In looking at giving to others, the book provides excellent guidance on what to use as criteria in choosing groups/individuals who are trustworthy and can succeed. While our possessions are miniscule compared to that of Mr. Green, he rightly reminds us that most of us in the United States are among the wealthiest people in the world. It behooves us to use wisdom when passing on that which God has placed into our hands. Mr. Green also provides some excellent thoughts on how to "pass the baton" of a business or inheritance to your family. I especially liked that his solution involved discussion with and agreement by of a good portion of those family members who, in the normal course of life, would have expected to inherit the family business outright. On a personal level, as an individual who loves arts and crafts, I have often frequented Hobby Lobby over the years. However, I knew nothing about the individuals who started the business other than they appeared to be Christians which I inferred mostly from their being closed on Sundays. It was very interesting and inspiring to read some of the history behind how the store began and grew. It was also very beautiful to read how Mr. Green was inspired, both in business and in family, by the love of God his mother instilled in him as he grew. I can only hope that someday my own children and grandchildren will remember me with some portion of the love and respect which Mr. Green gives to his mother.

As a Christian and family business founder/owner/steward I found David Green's book biblical, enlightening, practical and encouraging. Green concisely and by example reflects a Christian's responsibility to his/her employees, correctly identifies who truly owns the business and what therefore is the most beneficial distribution of company profits for the benefit of humanity, the company and the family. He also details how to establish an effective succession legacy plan for the maximum benefit of the company, the people it serves and subsequent generations of family

members. The lessons the Green family has learned and the plans and processes they have put in place in their founding generations are truly counter-cultural but yet reflect timeless wisdom for the building and sustaining of any family founded enterprise.

I am so impressed with David Green's desire to serve God and to teach his family to do so as well. He seems to truly have a servant's heart and a desire to give to those who will benefit the most. I am taking in everything he is saying and looking at it from a Biblical perspective. I have always been a giver. I love to give. But, I have to admit that I have never put giving into such a structured perspective before. I give of my tithes and offerings in a structured manner, but have never thought about putting my giving to others and organizations into a more structured framework. I am now convinced that I need a plan to make my giving something greater than it has been up to this point. This is an excellent book!

This book is a MUST READ. Not only do the principles discussed apply to everyone, if they are implemented into our daily lives, we will find joy and happiness all around us! Steps are provided at the end of the book to allow for the principles to be discussed, then put into a "game plan" that will bring positive results. No wonder David Green was not afraid to take on the USA government & take his case to the Supreme Court, and WIN! Our founding fathers believed in these principles, it took a rare businessman like David to apply them and he found himself wonderfully blessed. He realized that once he understood who owns his blessings he could not out-give the provider of these gifts!! Jerry Nuerge, Family Wealth Advocate, Center for Family Conversations.

David Green does not just talk about stewardship, he lives it and runs Hobby Lobby by Christian principals, including giving a large portion of the company profits to charities. I was impressed how it is a family business and he is teaching his children and grandchildren how to run the company when he steps down, but more importantly the reason the company exists, which is to support their employees and the charities. Truly inspirational, and a wonderful testimony of what God can do when you turn everything over to Him. I like his many references to scripture throughout the book which tells us the basis of his beliefs and practices, they are not David's ideas, they are following God's plan for their life and their business. Highly recommended. This is his second book. I also enjoyed "Not just a Hobby".

The book is short and really well written. The first part is David's story, humble beginnings and even

surprise about Hobby Lobby's success. The middle gives chunks of wisdom learned from the trenches and tested now with several generations. The Greens are humble by reputation, as well as in the pages. This is a great example of a family legacy lived with much. In my mind they sum up the book well in a section in the epilogue. Here is a longer quote. "Our hope is that you'll take action. These are the basic ideas: -We are not owners of anything. God owns everything. -God wants us to be good stewards of everything he's put in our hands. -We all have wealth--our intellectual capital, our social capital, our notional capitals our spiritual capital, and our financial capital. -Stewardship produces responsibility: as stewards, we need to be found faithful. -The great joy of stewardship is generosity: giving it away because we get it all back again in the form of joy." Highly recommend it to you.

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