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If you are really lucky in this life you might have an experience that is so moving it changes your life for the good forever. That happened to me when I attended a Giving Retreat put on by the Ministry of Money, which is the former name of the Faith and Money Network. I went while working on the finances for our church, hoping to learn why some people give quite generously, while others who could do so easily hoard every cent. We talked about how frequently giving is mentioned in the Bible and about the spiritual growth that comes from sharing our financial resources to make a difference for the poorest of the poor. Since then giving has become the focus of my reading, my writing and my volunteer commitments. And my faith has grown as my commitment to giving as a spiritual discipline has increased.