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“Women are courageously generous.”

Peter Greer, president of HOPE International, writes in the foreword to Kim King's *When Women Give*:

Research conducted by the Women's Philanthropy Institute (WPI) in 2010 revealed that despite the fact that the income of women in the United States remains lower, their retirement savings are less, and their life expectancy is longer than men's across income levels, they give more to philanthropic causes than their male counterparts. “In other words,” as a 2016 *Wall Street Journal* article put it, “even though women tend to have fewer available resources as they age, they are giving larger portions of their wealth to charity than men.” Further, the WPI study shows that “American households headed by single females give 57% more than those headed by single males.”

At the same time, economic and social landscapes are shifting. More women are entering the workforce, and gender-based stereotypes about the role of women in financial decisions within their homes have been dismantled. Nancy Heiser, vice president of wealth management at UBS, observes, “Women are living longer, making more money and may be inheriting twice—once from their parents and again if they outlive their spouses.”

In short, women today have more access to and influence over wealth than any of their sisters before them. And the data tells us that they tend to use their resources in exceedingly generous ways.

There is nothing less than a revolution taking place. Already, gifts channeled by women toward philanthropic causes are making significant national and global impact—which will only increase in the years to come.

When Women Give explores these extraordinary trends, bringing to light not only the research behind the movement but also the powerful stories inspiring it. Whatever their context—from company leaders and community volunteers to mothers and entrepreneurs—women are exercising courageous generosity.

Throughout the following interview, Kim King discusses why she wanted to write this book and why the need is so great.

Your book, *When Women Give*, is not just about giving of money, but also giving of time and other talents. What made you want to write a book on this subject specifically for women?

I worked long hours and enjoyed success in a major corporation as an attorney. I did not spend a lot of effort thinking about money and why God had blessed me. After I attended a

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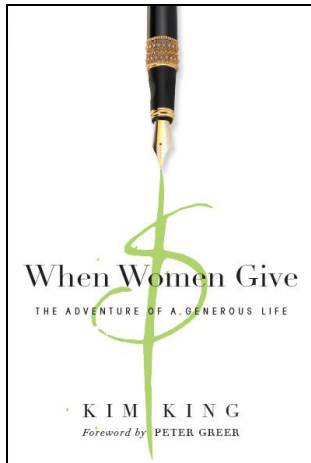


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Celebration of Generosity event hosted by Generous Giving, I returned to Houston believing that I had had an epiphany about the abundant life—such a life meant leading a generous life. I began to look for books to help me do so, but I did not find any at the time that discussed the biblical instruction to live generously, the benefits to me of doing so, *and* how to begin. I was also hoping to find a book written by a woman for women similar to me, but the books I found were written by men for a general audience. I knew that women had increased in wealth and had control of and responsibility for significant sums in the United States and outside the United States. I believe women (not to the exclusion of men) with surplus resources are being called at this time to step out and live generously.

What makes your book stand out amid all the other books on giving?

Although there are other books on generosity that discuss why we as Christians should live generously, I felt that it was important for any book on generosity to include a broader discussion of why we should live generously (not solely because the Bible says so) and how to wisely begin to fully understand God’s call to live generously. This book also discusses some of the challenges of living generously, such as fear, the opinion of others, and subconscious beliefs about money. I don’t recall finding any other book addressing these challenges.

What do you hope readers will learn from your experiences and your book?

- God has a plan for our lives that includes joining him in his activity in the world. He gives us a purpose and passion as signs of how we are to join him, including in our giving.
- Leading a generous life is one of great joy, adventure, and freedom. As I have said in the book and when I have spoken about this topic, the greater the giving, the greater the adventure, and the greater the adventure, the greater the joy.
- The generous life is a journey. We grow in faith and wisdom as we seek to be generous, face challenges, and step out in faith.
- We need a giving plan to enable us to be intentional.
- Let’s do our giving while we are living.