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***Your Step by Step Guide to Creating a Giving Plan and Leaving a Legacy***  
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**Exercise 5.1**

**How Much Money Do You Really Have?**

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5 minutes

To get a sense of your financial situation relative to the rest of the United States, check off the line below that describes your income:

My household pretax income last year was . . . (check one) \*

- less than \$25,000 (26.99 percent of the population)
- \$25,000–\$34,999 (11.39 percent of the population)
- \$35,000–\$49,999 (14.87 percent of the population)
- \$50,000–\$74,999 (18.39 percent of the population)
- \$75,000–\$99,999 (11.13 percent of the population)
- \$100,000 or more (12.60 percent of the population)
- \$119,540 or more (6.63 percent of the population)
- \$166,000 or more (5.00 percent of the population)
- income in excess of \$500,000 annually and net worth of \$6.5 million (top 1 percent of the population)

In light of these facts, do you feel you could be or would like to be more generous?

What other reflections do you have?

*Source:* "Census Bureaus Annual Demographic Survey: 2004 Current Population Survey,"  
www.census.gov.