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GENEROSITY STARTER GUIDE

Why should I give?

GIVING IS BIBLICAL

Proverbs 3:9 commands us to “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your crops.”

GIVING CONNECTS US WITH OTHERS

Jesus told us “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” MATTHEW 25:40

GIVING ESTABLISHES PRIORITIES

Giving allows us to take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 TIMOTHY 6:19

GIVING ENERGIZES

2 Corinthians 9:6 reminds us that “whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

GIVING CREATES PERSPECTIVE

Jesus tells us to “store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” MATTHEW 6:20

GIVING DRAWS US TOWARD THE CHARACTER OF GOD

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.” JOHN 3:16

GIVING IS DOABLE BY EVERYONE

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2

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Giving is not optional; giving is required, as an act of obedience. In this starter guide we will explore how and what to give, with the best strategies for making giving a regular and joyful part of our lives.

How and what should I give?

Think of giving as “the five T’s”

HOW DO I GIVE OF MY TIME?

By volunteering, both formally and informally. At your church; with a local ministry; by coaching a youth team; by reading to young children. There are hundreds of ways to invest our time in the lives of others.

HOW DO I GIVE OF MY TALENTS?

Can you play an instrument? Cook a meal? Repair a car? Virtually any talent can be put to use in the Lord's service.

HOW DO I GIVE OF MY TREASURE?

By regular, spontaneous and cheerful giving to the local church and other ministries which are taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

HOW DO I GIVE THE TRUTH?

By studying, memorizing and teaching the Word, you will be imparting the holy and living Word of God to those in need.

HOW DO I GIVE MY TOUCH?

In relationships, that's how. Befriend a fatherless child; serve in a homeless shelter; become the hands and feet of Jesus in someone's life today.

What kind of giver am I?

Emerging Givers

Generally respond randomly, and may want recognition in their giving. They rarely give even 10% of their income.

Maturing Givers

See the eternal perspective in giving. They see 10% as the starting point, and usually experience joy in their giving.

Generous Givers

Have usually answered the question, “How much is enough?” They have set a “finish line,” and aggressively and joyously give both from income and from assets. They also include their church and other ministries in their estate plans.

Believers in Jesus Christ recognize that giving is a journey. Just as there never comes a time when a believer achieves perfect holiness, so there will never be a perfect giver. Still, that realization should never prevent us from pressing on toward perfection in our spiritual walk and also in our giving journey.

The Generosity Trust would love to help you discover which type of giver you are, and equip you with tools and resources to help you move further along in this journey.

THE GENEROSITY TRUST MISSION:

To advance the cause of Christ by magnifying the joyful generosity of Christians.

How The Generosity Trust can help you:

The Generosity Trust is committed to empowering Christian Giving.

We offer Training, Tools, and Tuition Scholarships to help make this vision possible.



TRAINING

We offer training to teach Christians God's principles for handling money, so they can get out of debt and be free to give.



TOOLS

Once you are giving, we help generosity become more about joy and less about paperwork. Mission funds are tools for individuals, families and businesses to help manage donations to multiple organizations or pool donations to maximize impact.



TUITION

The Generosity Trust awards seminary tuition scholarships for our next generation of Christian leaders. Over the last 40 years, we've supported more than 400 people who are making an eternal impact for the kingdom of Christ around the world in 13 different countries, all branches of the military, 26 states and throughout Tennessee.



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