# Find the connection between your faith and your finances

## Jesus talked about It ...

Jesus spoke openly about money and possessions. About two-thirds of the parables and about one in every ten verses in the Gospels address this very issue. As followers of Jesus, we talk about giving as an outward expression of our love for Christ.

## It's a spiritual matter ...

Generosity is linked to our discipleship journey. How we use our resources is primarily a spiritual matter, not a financial one, and is determined by the spiritual condition of our heart.

## It's not about the budget ...

In campaigns like this, it can be tempting to approach the financial needs of the church as if we were simply funding the budget. In Pathways to Generosity, we acknowledge that living generously is an inseparable part of our following Christ. God does not need our money; rather, we need to give as an act of gratitude and trust.

## It's about trust ...

As we grow in our trust of God and follow Christ's teachings more faithfully, we learn to rely less on ourselves and more fully on him.

*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

2 Corinthians 9:11

# How to Prepare

**Between now and September 27, 2026 take the opportunity to:**

## Examine

Examine your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to Christ.

## Reflect

Reflect on the understanding that stewardship is about raising disciples, not money.

## Read

Read the daily devotional in "Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving", for God's guidance with your personal finances.

## Decide

Decide what percentage of your income God wants you to give consistently.

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

1 Timothy 6:18-19

# Pathways

## TO GENEROSITY

An opportunity to discover the joy of growing in your relationship with God as you **experience living generously.**

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# What is your next step on the Giving Path?

## The Giving Path

As we walk on the Pathways to Generosity, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

It is God's intention for believers to grow more generous and take bigger steps in our giving as we become more aware of how richly God has blessed us in Christ.

— TO GENEROSITY —

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**EXTRAVAGANT GIVER**
Give beyond the tithe, called an offering (10+% of income)

**TITHER**
Begin to give a tithe (10% of income)

**GROWING GIVER**
Increase the percentage you give toward a tithe (10%)

**INTENTIONAL GIVER**
Plan what percentage of your income to give for a year

**FIRST-TIME OR OCCASIONAL GIVER**
I give when I can