

## Questions for Reflection:

1. Which of the four postures would you say you have had to this point? Why?
2. Which of the five principles of giving is most helpful for you? Why? Which is hardest? Why?
3. The Apostle Paul writes, "Each one of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give." Take the time this week to pray and plan. Use this as a guide.

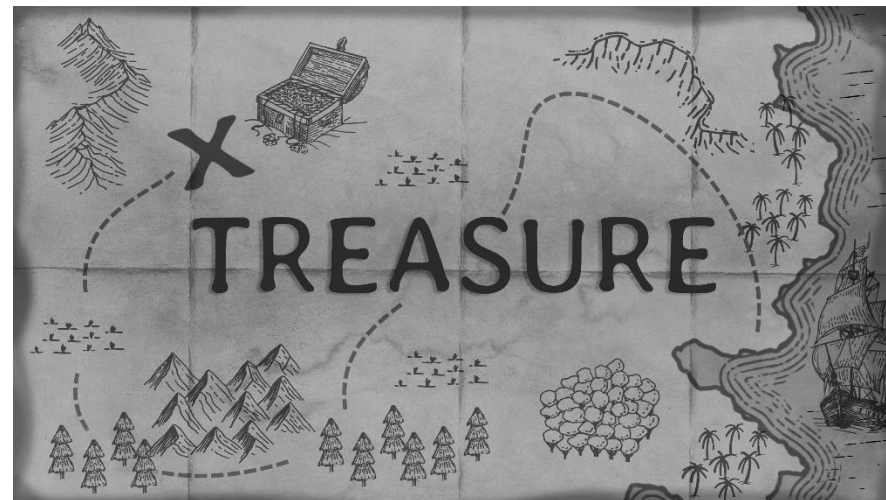
- a) Monthly Takehome Pay: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b) (as a guideline) 10% of this line a) is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Does my faith allow me to give this amount? Could I challenge myself to give more?
- d) Total Giving: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/mo.

### Breakdown:

- General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Missions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Benevolence: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other charitable works: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal Giving Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Ways to give to Waite Park Church:

1. By cash or check in weekly Sunday offering. Designate amounts in the memo line of the check.
2. Online
  - a. Go to [www.waiteparkchurch.org](http://www.waiteparkchurch.org) and click [Give] on the top menu.
  - b. If you want to set up recurring payments, request a login by clicking login in the upper-right corner of the page.



## Intentional Generosity

### Review:

- Money is a terrible \_\_\_\_\_, but a powerful \_\_\_\_\_.
- Following Jesus means we should think more \_\_\_\_\_ about money.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to use money well.

### Four postures toward giving:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ or anxious.
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

God's Economy says that as our income increases, so should our standard of living \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8 & 9**

- Paul was collecting money for the church in Jerusalem when they were experiencing a great famine. (Acts 11:29-30, Galatians 2:9-10)
- He sent letters ahead of him asking the churches to contribute.

**Five Principles of Intentional Giving:**

**Principle #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ generosity is a proper response to \_\_\_\_\_ blessing. (vs 1, 9, Romans 15:23-27)

**Principle #2:** What matters is the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs 12)

- We cannot judge generosity solely based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gift.

**Principle #3:** \_\_\_\_\_ your giving and give \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor 16)

“Each of you should give what you have \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart to give...”

“...not reluctantly or under \_\_\_\_\_, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7)

- Create enough \_\_\_\_\_ in your budget, so you can respond when the Holy Spirit prompts you.

**Principle #4:** Think \_\_\_\_\_ about giving. (2 Cor 8:13-15, Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32, 34-35)

- You can contribute regularly to the \_\_\_\_\_ fund.
- We can do more \_\_\_\_\_ when we do \_\_\_\_\_ together.

**Principle #5:** Expect to be \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor 9:6, 8)