

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 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)