



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Intervention giving is emotional and the results are measurable. Prevention giving is neither, but its superior.

HEAD CHANGE: What I do with my money is evidence of what is most important to me.

HEART CHANGE: Giving is the natural and appropriate response to God's gift to us.

LIFE CHANGE: Have a plan to give a percentage of your income to God through the local church.

OVERVIEW

Generosity without stewardship is irresponsible. Stewardship without generosity is selfish. God's heart is that we grow to become a generous giver and a wise steward because what we do with our money is evidence of what's most important to us. Many times, we give money in response to a felt need or in response to a tragedy—it's emotional and the results are measurable. But in addition to that, what would it look like to become someone who was not only an intervention giver, but a prevention giver.

"Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly. Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered."

-Psalm 112:5-6 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Growing up, what messaging did you receive when it came to giving financially to a local church?
2. If someone looked at how you spent your money, what would they conclude are your priorities?
3. Would you categorize yourself more as a "1.0" giver, or are you a "2.0" giver?
Giving 1.0: Giving in response to a need to help intervene
Giving 2.0: Giving systematically to support an organization to help prevent
4. Do you currently have a plan to regularly give financially to a local church? If not, what step could you take?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I want to be a faithful manager of all that you give me. Help me to wisely use your blessing to bless others. Increase my understanding of where and how you want me to invest the resources you have entrusted to me and help me put you at the center of those resources. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!