

Intentional Giving ***Study Questions***

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Can you think of an aspect in your life when being "intentional" made a difference? Or a time when lack of intentionality hurt you?
3. If you have been intentional about your responsibility as a manager of God's resources, share some of the ways that it has changed you?*
4. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2. Why did Paul have given this instruction to these believers? What is the benefits of this approach?
5. Have you ever given out of guilt because you could not say No. How does having a plan for giving help us not to given by guilt?
6. Most of us learned "money lessons" from our parents as children. Which of these "money lessons" from your parents specifically related to giving have carried over into adulthood?*
7. It is easy to underestimate the power of giving has on our attitude towards life. What are some ways that voluntary giving changes us? (2 Corinthians 9:7)
8. If you were to give advice to a new Christian on giving, how would you advise them when to give, where to give and how much to give?*
9. Pastor shared four benefits of being intentional in our giving. Was there one that stood out to you? Share your reason with the group.
10. Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-12. What insights on giving stand out to you from this passage?

Digging Deeper

11. Pray about what step the Lord would have you take to become more intentional in your giving . (*Questions adapted from Eternity Portfolio)

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The Benefits of Being Intentional

1. Planning maximizes giving- and leads to more effective giving.

"Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established."
Proverbs 16:3 ESV

"I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while."
Romans 15:24 ESV

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2. Planning Makes it Easier to say No

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,.” 2 Corinthians 9:7a ESV

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3. Planning Makes You a Cheerful Giver

““Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

4. Planning Helps You Understand Where Faith Begins

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17 ESV

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:10–12 ESV