

# GENEROSITY JOURNEY

This tool is designed to help you move money from being an idol to being an avenue to build God's Kingdom.

Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice.

Which step are you on? Will you take the next step?

An **INITIAL GIVER** is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

A **CONSISTENT GIVER** decides to give on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving as a disciple of Jesus. Often, this giver decides to make their gift an online recurring gift and will be learning the joy of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well, of course; it just requires more discipline. They experience the joy of excelling in this grace of giving.

An **INTENTIONAL GIVER** is someone who thinks about their giving in relation to their other financial priorities. Specifically, they consistently tithe, giving a tenth of their income to the local church, regardless of their circumstances (Malachi 3:10). This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice, prioritizing it in relation to other things on which they spend their money.

## A SURRENDERED GIVER

is someone who recognizes the power of the gospel and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Surrendered Giver is someone who gives in a way that changes them, in a way that reflects that their giving is governing their spending/saving, rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A Surrendered Giver isn't just concerned with what they ARE giving but is more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why, and they seek to honor God with ALL He has given them, whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource.

An **ETERNAL GIVER** is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer-term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think about what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.