

Development Phase Selected: Growing

You selected the statement, "I am tithing and reconsidering how I spend the other 90%."

Congratulations! You have taken a major step forward in deepening the life of generosity. Tithing is both biblically and historically the minimum standard for faithful disciples.

The practice of tithing is a spiritual discipline that weans us from the trappings of materialism and consumerism that are so prevalent in our culture. It is the act of 'putting God first' in the realm of our personal finances.

You have also indicated that the Holy Spirit is at work in your life inviting you to consider the use of all your financial resources. The reality is that God owns 100% of what has been provided to us. The goal of discipleship, in the life of generosity, is that we use all our resources in ways that honor God.

What's Next?

As you continue to be faithful in your life of generosity and explore how God wants you to use all of your resources, it is helpful to examine the lifestyle that you lead.

We encourage disciples to develop what financial planners call 'margin.' This is the action of spending less than we actually make, creating a financial margin. It is this margin that allows us to be responsive to the needs of others that God gives us an opportunity to encounter as we travel life's path.

You might consider participating in a class on biblical financial management with a particular focus on debt reduction and investments.

Some congregations offer financial counselors to assist you in developing a long-term plan for your finances. This may be a great resource for you.

Suggested Resources

If you like to read or study for personal development, we suggest the following resources:

Enough, by Adam Hamilton

Financial Peace University, by Dave Ramsey

Crown Ministries