



MY APPROACH TO GIVING

As you consider your level of participating, there are 2 different ways you can approach giving to Prevail NEXT.

1



I can give by **REASON**

Giving by reason requires little to no faith. A person who gives by reasons asks the question, *“What can I afford to give?”*

2



I can give by **REVELATION**

Giving by revelations requires faith in God to provide for us. A person who gives by revelation asks the questions, *“God, what do you want me to give to accomplish Your vision through me?”*

“Some people say, ‘*God will never ask me to do something I can’t do.*’ I have come to the place in my life that, if the assignment I sense God is giving me is something that I know I can handle, I know it probably is not from God. The kind of assignments God give in the Bible are always God-sized. They are always beyond what people can do because He wants to demonstrate His nature, His strength, His provision and His kindness to His people and to a watching world. That is the only way the world will come to know Him.”

Dr. Henry Blackaby

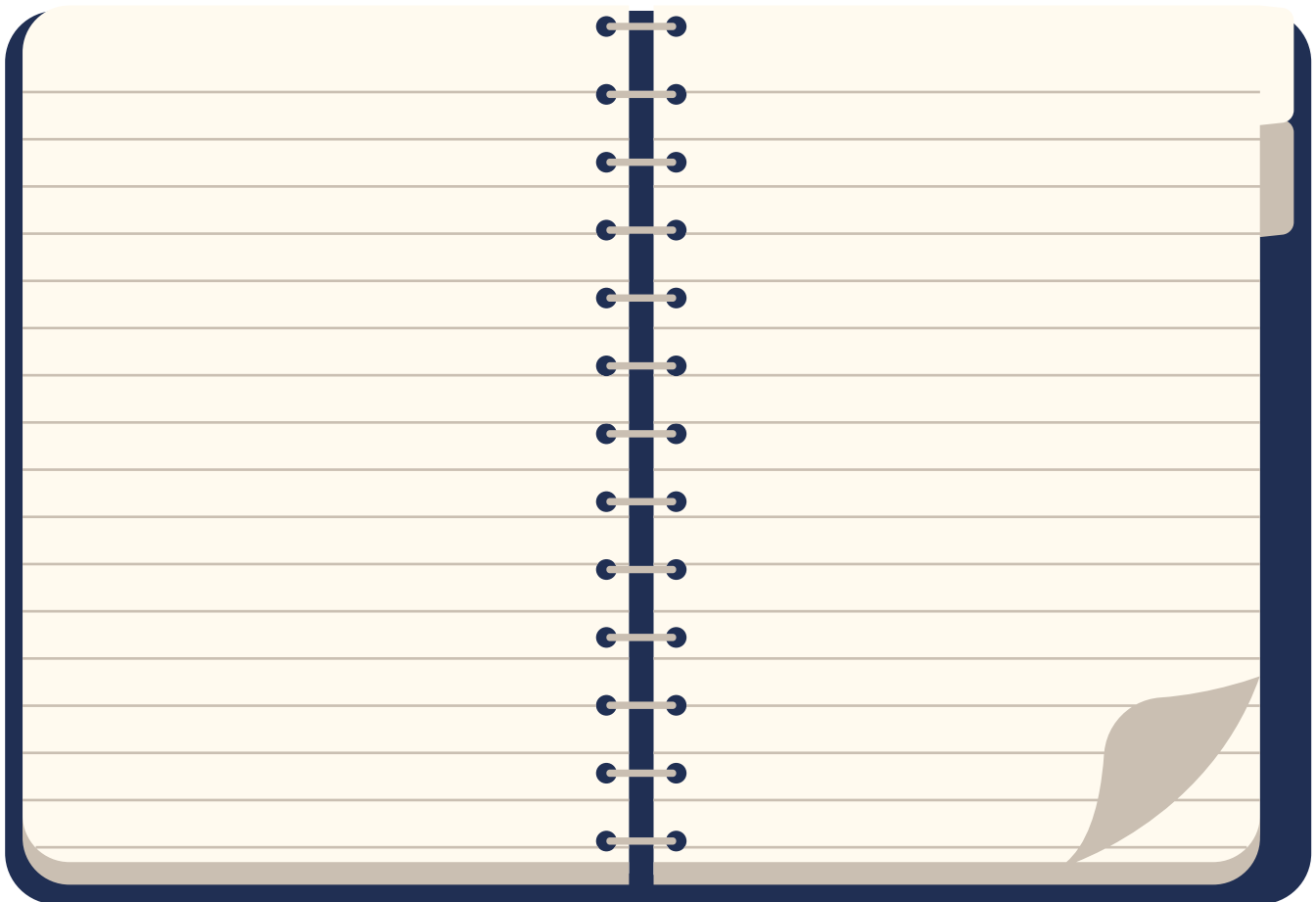
PRAYER

“My prayer for everyone who calls Journey home is that we would decide to give by God’s Revelation, we ask God and listen to what God reveals to each of us. We hear His voice. Every gift is important, large and small. I pray that our earthly possessions become less important while God’s purpose for us becomes more important. May we each feel the joy of allowing God’s priorities to become our priorities.”

Pastor Mark Schmechel

YOUR PRAYER

Take a moment and write your prayer for Prevail NEXT on the lines below



Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously , and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33



MY NEXT STEP

We are all on a journey, and that includes a generosity journey. As Martin Luther said “Every man needs two conversions: their first, his heart, the second, his wallet.” Sometimes it takes a while for our wallet to catch up to our heart. But we want to take a step. Before starting any journey, it is important to recognize two things: where you are and where you want to go. Please prayerfully reflect on the Giving Ladder below, and consider the step God may be asking you to take.

LEGACY GIVER

Someone who decides to leave a legacy of generosity to continue to make a kingdom impact long after their time on earth. This person considers how God has blessed him and or her and discerns how God could use them to leave a legacy that outlives them.

IMPACTFUL GIVER

Someone who gives 10% or more and determines that generosity will become the driver in their financial future. This person is honored and excited to give generously and sacrificially to special projects, and experiences God’s many blessings.

INTENTIONAL GIVER

Someone who gives a set amount on a regular basis (such as 5%) and is working toward greater generosity, learning the joys and benefits of giving toward the kingdom of God.

SPORADIC GIVER

Someone who begins to give but is not able to give consistently yet. This person is beginning to discover the joys of generosity and desires to do more, but needs time to rearrange and prioritize their finances.

INITIAL GIVER

Someone who gives for the first time, starting their generosity journey. This is an important step as this person declares they are trusting God at the start of their journey.

HOW DO I DETERMINE WHAT TO GIVE?



Pray

“God, what part do you want me to play in fulfilling this vision for our church?”

Reflect on God’s Word

Consider the Scriptures. Spend time reading and reflecting on what God says in the Bible. Below are a few helpful passages. Take a moment and write down what you feel God is saying:

- **2 Corinthians 8:9**
- **2 Corinthians 9:7-11**
- **1 Timothy 6:17-19**
- **Psalm 24:11**
- **1 Chronicles 29:1-20**
- **Matthew 25:14-30**
- **Luke 6:38**
- **Malachi 3:10**
- **Proverbs 11:25**



*For easy reference to the scriptures listed, please scan the QR code





Think Sacrificially

God often speaks to us as we consider making sacrifices. Sacrifices remind us that we can live on less, and go without. It reminds us that we need Him. You would be shocked at how financial sacrifices can add up quickly and turn into generosity. *“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”* -Hebrews 13:16

- Sacrifice one specialty coffee drink/week (\$6.50 for two years)=\$676
- Donate plasma: first time givers receive \$750, plus \$50-\$75/appointment
- The average American family spends about \$300/month going out to eat. Consider going out 1/2 that and donating \$150 for two years = \$3600
- The average American family tax returns is \$3138

Be Open and Fight Fear with Faith

So often, we think instead of listening to God. We logic it out with facts, numbers, and budgets and can be closed off to really hear what God wants. If it doesn't add up in our brain, we are closed off to it. We truly want to hear from God. And part of our challenge is to learn to live by faith. Often it is after we step out in faith, that we see God pour out His blessings. It may not make sense to us but we discover His blessings afterwards. God may lay it on your heart to do something significant. We have heard of people God has prompted them to:

- **Sell something:** ex: car or boat and donate the proceeds (Acts 4:37)
- **Gift Stock.** Do you have a stock you would not miss if you gave it away? Consider gifting your stock. There are tax advantages to give toward a non-profit, especially in capital gains tax savings. We have an account with the National Christian Foundation to make this process easy and done right.
- **Savings.** Give from your savings. Although we encourage people to save to build margin, sometimes greed can take the form of security (we can never have enough in the bank, so we fail to trust God). Our Our goal in life is not to be a bank but a dispenser of resources to further the work of God on this earth.

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Commit

Be courageous. It's time to take a step of faith and trust God! Remember, it will take all of us. Together, saying "yes." It may be a bit scary. That's ok, that's where faith comes in. God may be testing our faith, and will bless us in so many ways, if we step out and trust in Him. Imagine how you will *feel* knowing that you have stepped out in faith, and were a part of building God's kingdom? It's time to commit. By faith.

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.” Psalm 37:5

Lets' take a step together!

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