

INTENTIONAL Give Generously

Understanding Stewardship and Why we Give:

- Called to Give Generously - because it builds God's kingdom.
- Stewardship and giving is not about the need of an institution to receive, but rather the need we have as givers to give.
- Stewardship reflects an understanding that everything belongs to God. (Psalm 24:1)
- Stewardship safeguards our heart from idolatry.

We are called to approach our stewardship with a 1 Timothy 6:6 mindset: "But Godliness with contentment is great gain."

Questions to Consider:

- What in the past has driven your motivation and/or decision to give or practice generosity?
- How/why is the example of the Macedonian churches in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 a good reminder for us today?

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 Timothy 6:6-11

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.