

PREPARING FOR PATHWAYS TO GENEROSITY

- Between now and October 19 - examine your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to Christ.
- Reflect on the understanding that stewardship is about raising disciples, not money.
- Read the daily devotional in A Generous Life and pray for God's guidance in your personal finances.
- Decide what percentage of your income to give consistently.



Each of you must give as you have made up
your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



PATHWAYS TO *Generosity*

During this time of celebration, we encourage you to:

- **Pray** for God to lead you on new steps in your faith journey
- **Deepen** your sense of generosity and gratitude
- **Discover** the joy of giving
- **Complete** your 2026 Estimate of Giving Card

Ways to Participate:

- **In Worship on October 19** - return your Estimate of Giving Card
- **Online** - complete the Estimate of Giving Card online at mungerplace.org/generosity
- **By Mail** - mail your Estimate of Giving Card to Munger Place



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PATHWAYS TO *Generosity*

Pathways to Generosity is not our way of raising a budget. It is God's way of raising disciples.

This is an opportunity to discover the joy of growing in your relationship with God as you experience living generously.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23



God, help me to see all the blessings in my life. I come to you with an open and grateful heart. Teach me to be a good steward of all that I have. Open my eyes and my heart to see all the opportunities around me. Fill my heart and let me respond in every situation with an attitude of worship and a spirit of generosity. Renew my faith as I ask, "God, where do you want me to be in my giving?" Amen.



WHY TALK ABOUT MONEY

IT'S A SPIRITUAL ISSUE

Stewardship is directly linked to our journey of discipleship. How we use our resources is primarily a spiritual issue, not a financial one. The quality of that decision is determined by the spiritual condition of our heart.

JESUS TALKED ABOUT IT

Jesus spoke openly about money and possessions. About two-thirds of the parables and about one in every ten verses in the Gospels address this very issue. As followers of Jesus, we should not be reluctant to talk about giving as an outward expression of our love for Christ.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BUDGET

In fundraising endeavors, it can be tempting to approach the financial needs of the church as if we were simply funding the budget. In Pathways to Generosity, we acknowledge that living generously is an inseparable part of our following Christ. God does not need our money; rather, we need to give it as an act of gratitude and trust.

IT'S ABOUT TRUST

As we learn to trust God more and follow Christ's teaching more faithfully, we learn to depend less on ourselves and more on God, relinquishing attitudes and habits that impede our relationship with God.

THE GIVING PATH

As we walk on the Pathways to Generosity, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

STEPS ALONG THE GIVING PATH

EXPLORING GIVER

I am open to learning, growing, and asking where God wants my giving to be.



GROWING GIVER

I am growing in my understanding of generous giving, and I want to continue to grow and contribute more for the work of my church.



DEEPENING GIVER

I believe that God is calling me to step out further in my giving.



CENTERING GIVER

I experience joy and blessing with where I am in my giving.



TRANSFORMING GIVER

My giving has transformed my life in relationship to the church and the work of Christ.