

The Turning Point Vision

Now that you have a basic Biblical overview of all types of giving and the purpose behind them, let us share our church vision with you.

Tithes

We desire each person to be in obedience to the Word of God and be faithful in their giving so that we can hire the needed staff to continue the growth of our church.

Offerings

As each person commits to being faithful in offerings this will be used to cover the expenses for the local church building.

Sacrificial Giving

Our church sacrificially gives under two visions (1) reaching out to help the world (*Matthew 28:19*) and (2) working to reach the local community that God has called us to.

World Missions

The third Sunday of each month we focus on missions, both overseas and in America. Through the concept of pledging a monthly amount, the church commits to helping missionaries working in other areas of the world. This is a sacrifice above and beyond the giving of tithes and offerings and all monies given to missions are used in this endeavor.



Destiny

Destiny is a program created to pay off a remodeling project that was completed. This project created room for growth in our church by giving us an additional 120 seats in our sanctuary. Each chair cost \$160.00 and each time we get that amount we color in a chair on our board. Once we reach our goal of \$55,000.00 this program will be completed.



The Importance of Giving

Giving is important to God. There are 1,539 scriptures in the Bible that speak about giving. *1 Corinthians 16:1-2* teaches us the three principles of giving. (1) "Upon the first day of the week" – this means systematically or regularly we should give; (2) "Let everyone of you lay by him in store" – this means responsibly and through budgeting we plan our giving unto the Lord; (3) "As God has prospered him" – this teaches us that we give according as we have been blessed. Through systematic, responsible giving of our increase we show God our faithfulness



as a steward, our thankfulness as His children and our dedication to the growth of His Kingdom. In *Malachi 3:8-10* we see that if we make the right effort in our giving, God has some promises for us as well. He will (1) open up heaven and pour out blessings upon us; (2) he will keep the enemy from your home and your children and (3) as we place His Kingdom first, He will then bless our dreams and goals and supply all of our needs. So become a faithful steward today and allow God to continue to bless your life!

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"Who then is that faithful and wise steward?"

Luke 12:42

What am I doing with my talent?

The Bible teaches us that we are just the stewards (or managers) of God's gifts. God has given to each of us all the talents that we utilize to live and succeed in this world – our time on earth, the abilities and gifts we use to succeed and further the Kingdom of God and the money we make from these abilities! But He is entrusting us to use these talents wisely and according to His Word? In this brochure you will be given the understanding to realize how you need to be multiplying your talent because one day He will return and demand an accounting of us.



A Steward of Time

We are given a limited number of days and time spent on this earth (*Job 7:1*). We are appointed a time of birth and a time of death (*Ecclesiastes 3:2*) and in the span of eternity our life is very short upon this earth (*James 4:14*). God desires us to spend our appointed days wisely so that when He demands an accounting then we can give a good report (*Romans 14:12*). A good check of your life is (1) how do I spend my time and (2) how do I spend my money. Where does God factor into those two areas of your life?

A Steward of Our Abilities

Each and every person has a purpose and an ability that God has created within them (*Jeremiah 29:11*). God's desire is that you would realize how special and uniquely you were created and the gifts and talents that you have been given (*James 1:17*). But God also demands that we use our abilities to further the Kingdom of God and we will one day give an account for the use of our gifts. So check your abilities and ask yourself, "Am I really giving the best of my gifts to God?" How are you spending the talents that God has given you?

A Steward of our Finances

Finances are the first sign of our commitment to God and the use of our abilities in our lives. The key to being a good steward of our finances is to be faithful (*1 Corinthians 4:2*). A person who is not faithful (consistent) in His giving to the Kingdom of God is not a true steward. He must be able to manage the blessings that God has brought into his life. We must do everything that we can to **budget faithfulness** into our lives, realizing that the true treasure is being laid up in heaven.

An Overview of Biblical Giving

The Bible lays out three types of giving: Tithes, Offerings and Sacrificial Giving. There is a purpose for each and a faithful steward budgets his life so that he can be in obedience to all three.

Tithes

The word tithe means "a tenth". The tithe is God's and does not belong to us (*Leviticus 27:30*). The Bible tells us that if we don't give our tithes we are robbing God (*Malachi 3:8*). Many people, usually because of a lack of proper budgeting, want to "borrow" God's money and pay their tithes later. The Bible tells us that if we borrow the tithe from God that when we pay it back it must be with interest at 5% (*Leviticus 27:31*). The way to be a faithful steward is to give our tithe FIRST and not to borrow what is the Lord's. The tithe in the Bible was given to support ministry. This means that all tithing collected should be able to cover the expenses that are needed to hire the five-fold ministry (*Number 18:20-24*). Even the ministry gives tithe on the amount they receive (*Numbers 18:26-28 and 1 Peter 5:3*).



Offering

The offering is also a commandment and if we withhold it then we are robbing God (*Malachi 3:8*). The offering is above your tithes and 5% is usually a good starting point. Offerings are to be used for the "service of the tabernacle" (*Exodus 25:1-8, Exodus 30:11-16*). This means that offerings should be used to cover expenses used in the upkeep of any church buildings. Offerings should go toward mortgages, utility bills and maintenance issues. This is a weak area in the lives of many Christians but they need to understand that to be a faithful steward we will make offerings a part of our service unto the Lord.

Sacrificial Giving

Throughout the Bible there are numerous examples of special, sacrificial offerings that were taken. These have a special purpose and are ABOVE your tithes and general offerings (*Deuteronomy 12:5-7*). These offerings are designated and used for a special purpose or vision of the local church. The key to these offerings is found in the word "sacrificial". We will have to make a conscious sacrifice in our personal lives so that we can participate in these. We may have to give up a hobby (golf, shopping), a luxury (extra cable, a larger car), and even a convenience (eating out) to be able to give these unto God. However, what we gain through the fulfilling of the vision will be greater and God does honor sacrifice in a special way.

