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DOYLESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Be Renewed Toolbox

Practical Ideas for Living & Giving Generously

Virtually every day we make financial decisions.

Some are small--should you get a cup of coffee at the convenience store or splurge for a latté?
Some are big—stay in your current home or buy a new one, attend a state or private college?
Some concern the future--how much to spend on Christmas or choosing a retirement fund?
Lots of decisions, each with varying degrees of thought and long-term impact.

Probably the most challenging matter for many of us in regards to spending is the decision to use resources without receiving something tangible in return. Even when we feel passionately about the cause we can wonder “If I give this away, will there be enough left for me?”

That’s why giving is such a big deal. Nothing invites God into our lives like giving from our financial resources. Such acts are a tangible way to declare our trust in and commitment to God. They allow us to reveal our highest priorities as well. Such giving often paves the ways for God to show up in our lives, too, in powerful and unexpected ways.

All of which is to say that giving is more than a financial decision—it is a spiritual decision.

Our team at DPC has put together this generosity toolbox to help you consider how God has blessed you and how God is inviting you to demonstrate your trust through the Be Renewed initiative. In the pages that follow, you will find ideas that will help you pray about and consider how God would have you participate. My hope is that as you engage in such deeply spiritual work that you will experience the power of God in your life and clarity about how you might best respond through your giving and living; in other words, that you might Be Renewed!

Faithfully yours,
John M. Willingham



The most effective path to generosity is a spiritual path where you set your heart on things above. Then, your financial priorities will naturally flow out of your spiritual priorities.

People often describe this as “living a generous lifestyle.” It is always a temptation to give to God in such a way that it makes little impact on how you live. The challenge of living a generous lifestyle is to intentionally and prayerfully find ways to do just that – to let your giving touch your living!

*King David declared,
“I will not give to God that which costs me nothing.”
(2 Samuel 24:24)*

He understood that the value of the gift presented to God is determined by its value to the giver.

A gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the life of the giver! This is the spirit of lifestyle generosity — “If it is for my God, my gift must have meaning and value to me.”

Lifestyle generosity is a level of giving that affects you – your plans, your activities, your attitude and your approach to life. It means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another.

During worship on Sunday, November 14, our DPC family will have the opportunity to celebrate God's grace and generosity as we complete our Estimate of Giving cards to the Be Renewed campaign.

Your card is included in this mailing. Please carefully consider your commitment to DPC for the next two years. Below is an example of how to complete the Estimate of Giving card.



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2022-2023 Estimate of Giving

Please contact me/us with information about:

- Help with setting up online recurring gifts
- Making a gift of appreciated assets or from an IRA
- Giving through my/our Estate Planning (will, insurance beneficiary, etc.)

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MY / OUR COMMITMENT

As I/we rely on God to provide all of my needs, I commit to support the Be Renewed initiative through prayer and striving to give the amount below over the next two years:

What I/we would like to give annually: \$ _____

My/our total Be Renewed Commitment: \$ _____ x 2 years

Your information. Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I understand this estimate of giving may be revised or canceled at any time at my request.



Following are creative ways to give that perhaps you haven't thought of before or may not be aware of.

1. PRIORITY BUDGETING

You may choose to rearrange your priorities and give up something in your current budget in order to grow in your giving. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, remodeling, or other major purchase.

2. APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own assets that have achieved tremendous unrealized gains in value over the years. That is good news. The bad news is that if these assets were sold, a significant portion of the gain could be lost to taxation. Gifts of appreciated assets – typically investment securities – can be advantageous to both the giver and the church.

3. IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70.5 in age or older and have an IRA there are certain advantageous rules for you. Please contact your financial planner or accountant to learn more about how to give in this manner.

4. CARES ACT IMPACT ON GIVING

The CARES Act of 2020 in response to the Corona Virus includes a clause that radically impacts giving for individuals who itemize their personal tax returns. Please contact your financial planner or accountant to learn more about how to give in this manner.

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PRAY

- Pray over your own finances and diligently examine your spending habits.
- Pray for generosity in the hearts of the DPC family.
- Pray for the DPC pastors and leadership as they make ongoing decisions throughout this campaign.

COMMIT

- Consider where God is calling you to make sacrifices.
- Commit to supporting DPC through your generous pledge on Commitment Sunday, November 14.

TRUST GOD

- Celebrate again how God is the source of all your blessings.
- Put your hope once more in God's power, faithfulness, and promise.
- Claim anew the truth that God will never leave or forsake you.



PERSONAL PLAN FOR GENEROSITY

MONTHLY GIVING

ANNUAL INCOME	TITHE						
	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
\$20,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$250
\$30,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$375
\$40,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$500
\$50,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$625
\$60,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$650
\$70,000	\$117	\$233	\$350	\$467	\$583	\$700	\$875
\$80,000	\$133	\$267	\$400	\$583	\$667	\$800	\$1,000
\$90,000	\$150	\$300	\$450	\$600	\$750	\$900	\$1,125
\$100,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$125,000	\$208	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,563
\$150,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,875
\$175,000	\$292	\$583	\$875	\$1,167	\$1,458	\$1,750	\$2,288
\$200,000	\$333	\$667	\$1,000	\$1,333	\$1,667	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$250,000	\$417	\$833	\$1,250	\$1,667	\$2,083	\$2,500	\$3,125
\$300,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,750