

# This is a journey

Emerging Giver	Maturing Giver	Generous Giver	Giving Champion
<p><b><u>Reasons for Giving (Why)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I give primarily because of relationships, tax savings, public recognition, or a feeling of obligation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My primary desire is to pass on assets to children and family.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I follow the advice of trusted advisors -- not necessarily spiritual advisors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I may give in response to something that has personally impacted me.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I may still be seeking greatness in the eyes of man.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure I understand Biblical stewardship.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Reasons for Giving (Why)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have a growing desire to give as I further understand God's plan.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I wrestle with a desire to pass on wealth to children or give to the Kingdom.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am open to listening to trusted advisors based on spiritual truth.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I understand that everything belongs to God and I am simply a steward of His assets.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am beginning to view giving as an investment in others.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Reasons for Giving (Why)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My giving is an outward material expression of my spiritual commitment, as God continues to mold my heart to willing obedience.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I see assets as a sacred trust. I see that family estate decisions are to be based on an intentional transfer of spiritual, character, and financial capital.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I actively seek spiritual guidance for all giving matters.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I experience the blessing of generosity and of being a "cheerful giver".</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to give to people and/or organizations independent of tax benefits.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I sometimes give anonymously.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Reasons for Giving (Why)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I attempt to pursue God's plan in every aspect of my finances.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I encourage others to begin the journey of generosity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I give to facilitate generosity in others.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am motivated by transformation in others.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am a careful Steward of all God has entrusted to me: time, talent, treasure, truth and relationships.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I intentionally seek to influence family, friends, church, and community with living ever more generously.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am comfortable around those with wealth.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I can challenge without being judgmental.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I find joy in seeing life-change in others.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I consider how I can utilize my influence and affluence for God's kingdom.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I seek the approval of God not man (Gal 1:10).</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Practice of Giving (How)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have more of a "here &amp; now" mentality in my giving.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I may provide a scheduled gift to church or charity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I may give 10% of my income.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Practice of Giving (How)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developing short term giving strategies and goals is becoming more important.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have a deepening understanding of stewardship and ownership.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I give a minimum of 10% and desire to give progressively more.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Practice of Giving (How)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I use systematic planning to accomplish the responsibilities of stewardship.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I give generously (beyond conventional norms) out of both income and assets to multiple ministries/people.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I may give sacrificially.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Things to possibly do:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend The Gathering Conference</li> <li>Bring others to a Generous Giving Conference</li> <li>Host a Generous Giving Boutique Event</li> <li>Go on a family mission trip</li> <li>Spend time investing in others - mentoring</li> <li>Lead Crown Special Edition Study</li> <li>Serve on the Board of a Local Christian Foundation</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Direction of Giving (Where)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My giving is not based on planning or intentional strategies.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I tend to give to those who ask.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Direction of Giving (Where)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am discovering more causes where I find joy in giving.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Direction of Giving (Where)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I give intentionally and aggressively to causes God has given me a passion for.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Questions for reflection:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who would benefit from these experiences?</li> <li>2. Who am I intentionally mentoring?</li> <li>3. How do I discern my calling?</li> <li>4. What might my church look like if it was generous?</li> <li>5. Am I equipped to share my giving story?</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>Things to possibly read or do:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randy Alcorn "Treasure Principle"</li> <li>Andy Stanley "Fields of Gold"</li> <li>Leo Tolstoy "How Much Land Does a Man Need?"</li> <li>Listen to personal testimonies of Generous Givers</li> <li>Attend a Generous Giving Conference</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Things to possibly read or do:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wes Wilmer "God and Your Stuff"</li> <li>John Piper "Desiring God" (Chapter 7)</li> <li>Richard Foster "Celebration of Discipline" (Chapter 6)</li> <li>Ralph Doudera "Wealth Conundrum"</li> <li>Go on a mission trip</li> <li>Listen to personal testimonies of Generous Givers</li> <li>Attend a Generous Giving Conference</li> <li>Participate in a Crown Special Edition Study</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Things to possibly read or do:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ron Blue "Splitting Heirs"</li> <li>John Piper "Don't Waste Your Life"</li> <li>Richard Foster "The Freedom of Simplicity"</li> <li>Attend The Gathering Conference</li> <li>Attend a Generous Giving Conference</li> <li>Attend a Generous Giving Boutique Event</li> <li>Teach children or grandchildren Crown for Teens</li> <li>Go on a family mission trip</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Questions for reflection:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do I steward all that God has entrusted to me?</li> <li>2. What are the dangers and opportunities of wealth from a spiritual perspective?</li> <li>3. How could my family be more involved in giving?</li> <li>4. What does my eternal investment portfolio look like?</li> <li>5. What are the benefits of simplicity?</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>Questions for reflection:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who has had a spiritual impact in my life?</li> <li>2. What cause / event has been meaningful in my life?</li> <li>3. What giving opportunity has brought me the most joy?</li> <li>4. What, if any, is my annual giving goal?</li> <li>5. Why have I been given more than I need?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Questions for reflection:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is an appropriate lifestyle?</li> <li>2. How much is enough?</li> <li>3. What, if any, is my lifetime giving goal?</li> <li>4. If time and money were no object, what would I do with my life?</li> <li>5. Who is the next steward and are they prepared?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Questions for reflection:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do I steward all that God has entrusted to me?</li> <li>2. What are the dangers and opportunities of wealth from a spiritual perspective?</li> <li>3. How could my family be more involved in giving?</li> <li>4. What does my eternal investment portfolio look like?</li> <li>5. What are the benefits of simplicity?</li> </ol>	

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Please check each item you feel applies to you. There are no wrong answers.