



## Grow in Generosity

Meaningful Membership - Part 5

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**Big Idea:** I will tithe at least 10 percent of my income to support the Lord's work.

**Text:** Selected Scriptures

Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom? – Proverbs 17:16

### **I. ESTABLISH A** \_\_\_\_\_ .

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. – Proverbs 27:23-24

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” – Luke 16:10

### **II. GIVE TO** \_\_\_\_\_ .

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. – Proverbs 3:9-10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” – Malachi 3:10

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.” – Luke 11:42

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. – 2 Corinthians 9:6

### **III. LIVE ON** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOU MAKE.**

One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. – Proverbs 13:7

**1. Be realistic. Make a distinction between the necessities and the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. Be disciplined enough to \_\_\_\_\_ to some desires.**

He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored. – Proverbs 13:18

*The pain of the payments always exceeds the pleasure of the purchase.*

**3. Cultivate \_\_\_\_\_. To live on less than you make requires that you swallow your pride and not pretend to have more than you actually have.**

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. – Proverbs 14:30

A rich man may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has discernment sees through him. – Proverbs 28:11

**IV. GET \_\_\_\_\_ AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. – Proverbs 22:7

He who increases his wealth by **exorbitant interest** amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor. – Proverbs 28:8

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. – Romans 13:8

**V. SAVE AT LEAST A \_\_\_\_\_ REGULARLY.**

In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. – Proverbs 21:20

Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. – Ecclesiastes 11:2

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

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