



Connecting to Scripture

A three-year, over-and-above financial commitment to a capital stewardship program requires proper motive and motivation. The study below will help you to discern both your heart and God’s heart for giving generously.



In terms of affecting people and ministries, what will this project accomplish for God, for others, for you?
(Matthew 28:19, Luke 17:20-21, I Kings 5:5)

What does your heart prompt you to do? Describe it.
(Exodus 25:1-2, 35:4-29, I Corinthians 13:3, II Corinthians 9:7)

What is your Prayer Plan to discern God’s will?
(Luke 11:9-10, John 17, Matthew 6:5-13)

What does “sacrifice” mean to you? Describe it.
(2 Samuel 24:24, Romans 12:1-2, Luke 21:1-4)

What can you do to give sacrificially? Start a list.
(I Chronicles 29:1-10, Acts 2:44-47, Acts 4:32-37)

Your financial commitment should be a result of a meaningful, spiritual journey. This personal commitment guide will help you to take your first steps. Use this guide to connect with God by discovering God’s will and by offering your full potential to fulfill God’s desire.

A Personal Commitment Guide

DELIBERATE WITH GOD

Prayerfully seek God’s leadership. Ask God to shape your decisions. Walk through the doors God opens for you!

DISCOVER GOD’S PURPOSE FOR PROVIDENCE AND GOD’S WILL FOR YOU

What is God calling this church to do and to be? How is God working through Providence Presbyterian Church to affect people’s lives? How would God work through you to make a difference in ministry?

DISCUSS WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING WITH OTHERS

Include your family in the discovery and decision-making process. Talk with and learn from the experience and example of others.

DEFINE A SENSE OF SACRIFICE IN YOUR LIFE

What decisions and priorities could you make in your life to further invest yourself in this church? How can you give in ways that make a difference to you?

DETERMINE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR GIVING

Think outside the income-stream box. Capital giving may include new strategies for giving. Inventory your blessings and your potential for increased giving.

DECIDE ON A PERSONAL GIVING PLAN

There are multiple methods for giving in a capital program. Capital giving might include any combination of weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, one-time, and/or asset transfer gifts. Put together your own personal giving plan for the next three years to help you follow through with your commitment.



“Honor the Lord with your wealth. Give Him the first share of all your crops. Then your storerooms will be so full they can’t hold everything. Your huge jars will spill over with fresh wine.”
Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIRV)

Opportunities for Giving

Discovering Your Potential for Giving

Income & Sacrifice

Income Stream Giving: Giving as you receive income - from your regular income, bonuses, and/or through your personal business.

Sacrifice: Changing your lifestyle/priorities can create additional resources for giving.

Delaying Expenditures: Postponing anticipated purchases can free resources for giving.

Freedom from Debt: After a debt is retired, the resources that were applied to that debt are now available for giving.

Income Producing Assets: Interest Earned, income from rental properties, or monies from other income producing assets can be given.

“Here is something to remember. The one who plants only a little will gather only a little. And the one who plants a lot will gather a lot. You should each give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn’t give if you don’t want to. You shouldn’t give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to shower all kinds of blessings on you. In all things and at all times you will have everything you need.”
2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (NIRV)

Use this worksheet to evaluate what you have available to give.

Income & Sacrifice

Analyze your projected income and spending patterns for the next three years and determine how much could be given and when.

Alter your lifestyle in order to give what you save or don’t spend.

Possibilities:

Amount: \$

Giving Assets

What accumulated assets in your life could be transferred to the church? What assets could be sold so that their value could be permanently invested in ministry?

Possibilities:

Amount: \$

Time & Talent

Determine what you could do to earn extra resources that could be given during this period. Are there “gifts in kind” of services and/or materials you could give?

Possibilities:

Amount: \$

Resulting 3-year Potential Commitment: \$

Giving Assets

Giving Appreciated Assets: Consider transferring appreciated assets (stocks, real estate, etc.) as a way to increase giving.

Sale of Assets: Money resulting from the sale of personal assets, or from personally owned business assets, could be given.

Savings & Investments: You may be able to give some portion of accumulated assets without significantly affecting your future security. The “returns” from investing in ministry may be more significant to you than simply accumulating more market returns.

Time & Talent

Additional Income: Using your skills and talents, taking on additional work, or delaying retirement could produce additional income to use as a gift.

Gifts in Kind: Donating specific services and/or materials, either personally or through your business, provides a unique opportunity for increased giving.

