

# PREPARING FOR

## Pathways to Generosity

**BETWEEN NOW AND  
NOVEMBER 14TH ...**

Examine your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to Christ.

Reflect on the understanding that stewardship is about raising disciples, not money.

Read the daily devotional A Generous Life and pray for God's guidance in your personal finances.

Decide what percentage of your income to give consistently.



Point your phone camera at the QR code to be taken directly to the Pathways to Generosity webpage!

**THE  
FUTURE  
IS  
BRIGHT**



# JOIN US FOR

## Practicing Extravagant Generosity

New Worship Series

**October 17th through November 14th  
9AM & 11AM**

**[NARDINPARK.ORG/LIVESTREAM](http://NARDINPARK.ORG/LIVESTREAM)**

During this time of celebration,  
we encourage you to...

Pray for God to lead you on new  
steps in your faith journey.

Deepen your sense of generosity  
and gratitude.

Discover the joy of giving.

Complete and submit your 2022  
Estimate of Giving Card in person,  
by mail, or at  
[nardinpark.org/p2g](http://nardinpark.org/p2g)

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# Pathways to Generosity Goal

**Stewardship is not our way of raising a budget. It is God's way of raising disciples.**

"Pathways to Generosity" is an opportunity to discover the joy of growing in your relationship with God as you experience living generously.

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*Galatians 5:22-23*



## Why Talk about Money

### IT'S A SPIRITUAL ISSUE

STEWARDSHIP IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO OUR JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP. HOW WE USE OUR RESOURCES IS PRIMARILY A SPIRITUAL ISSUE, NOT A FINANCIAL ONE. THE QUALITY OF THAT DECISION IS DETERMINED BY THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF OUR HEART.

### JESUS TALKED ABOUT IT

JESUS SPOKE OPENLY ABOUT MONEY AND POSSESSIONS. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE PARABLES AND ABOUT ONE IN EVERY TEN VERSES IN THE GOSPELS ADDRESS THIS VERY ISSUE. AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE SHOULD NOT BE RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT GIVING AS AN OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST.

### IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BUDGET

IN STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGNS, IT CAN BE TEMPTING TO APPROACH THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE CHURCH AS IF WE WERE SIMPLY FUNDING THE BUDGET. IN PATHWAYS TO GENEROSITY, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LIVING GENEROUSLY IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF OUR FOLLOWING CHRIST. GOD DOES NOT NEED OUR MONEY; RATHER, WE NEED TO GIVE IT AS AN ACT OF GRATITUDE AND TRUST.

### IT'S ABOUT TRUST

AS WE LEARN TO TRUST GOD MORE AND FOLLOW CHRIST'S TEACHING MORE FAITHFULLY, WE LEARN TO DEPEND LESS ON OURSELVES AND MORE ON GOD, RELINQUISHING ATTITUDES AND HABITS THAT IMPEDE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

## Why move along the Giving Path?

It is God's intention that we grow more generous and take bigger steps in our giving as we become more aware of how richly God has blessed us in Christ.



## The Giving Path

As we walk on the Pathways to Generosity, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### Steps along the Giving Path

#### Exploring Faith:

I give when I'm in worship.

#### Seeking Christ:

I make consistent contributions.

#### Growing in Faith:

I complete an Estimate of Giving Card and give a percentage of my income, moving towards a 10% tithe.

#### Deepening in Faith:

I give to Nardin Park an increasing percentage of my income in gratitude for God's gifts.

#### Maturing in Christ:

Realizing generosity is a lifelong journey, I give 10% or more of my income to Nardin Park and respond with generosity to additional ministry needs.