

Bayside

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God calls us to live generously - not only with our time and compassion - but also with our finances. This isn't always easy, but God calls us not to operate by what we see, but by placing our **trust in Him** even in a very tangible area like our finances. Putting this into practice means giving back to God a percentage of what He has already given to us. Not because God needs our investment. It's a practice of trust - understanding that all we have comes from Him.

But giving isn't just about what God wants from us but what He wants for us. When we stretch our faith through giving, God can pour out His blessings in our lives.

LUKE 6:38

**GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. A GOOD
MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER AND
RUNNING OVER, WILL BE Poured INTO YOUR LAP.
FOR WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE
MEASURED TO YOU.**

Is this an area where God is calling you to embrace generosity?

PLACING GOD FIRST



“Tithe” means “tenth,” so when we tithe, we’re returning the first 10% of our income to Him. We’re setting it aside for God and trusting Him to be the foundation of our finances.

When we bring Him our first fruits, God promises His provision and blessings, which often come in the form of a greater level of peace and trust or learning to rely on Him.

PROVERBS 3:9-10

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.

LUKE 12:33-34

SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE TO THE POOR. PROVIDE PURSES FOR YOURSELVES THAT WILL NOT WEAR OUT, A TREASURE IN HEAVEN THAT WILL NEVER FAIL, WHERE NO THIEF COMES NEAR AND NO MOTH DESTROYS. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

ABOVE & *and* BEYOND

“Offerings” are gifts given above and beyond the tithe. There’s no set amount or percentage detailed in scripture; instead, it’s about the sacrifice you feel called to make.

God’s Word says that, “whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

2 CORINTHIANS 8:12

FOR IF THE WILLINGNESS IS
THERE, THE GIFT IS ACCEPTABLE
ACCORDING TO WHAT ONE HAS,
NOT ACCORDING TO WHAT ONE
DOES NOT HAVE.

PROVERBS 11:24 MSG

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GETS LARGER AND LARGER; THE
WORLD OF THE STINGY GETS
SMALLER AND SMALLER.

BELIEVING FOR MORE

As the year comes to a close, we get the opportunity to look back on all the ways God has been faithful and look ahead to all we're believing God for in the coming year. We encourage you to choose a word that represents what God might have for you in the year ahead.

Throughout the new year, you can keep that word in mind, praying over it and using it as a reminder of God's faithfulness in your life.

Not sure how to choose your word? Here are some tips to help you get started:

- WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU BEEN PRAYING FOR A BREAKTHROUGH IN?
- HOW HAS GOD BEEN GROWING OR CHALLENGING YOU THIS YEAR?
- WHAT'S ONE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN YOUR LIFE, WORK, RELATIONSHIPS, ETC.?

Some people choose the name of someone they are praying for. Your word is unique to you, so we encourage you to pray over what yours will be.

THE IMPACT



Whether it's through one of our 9 locations: Granite Bay, Adventure, Blue Oaks, Folsom, Folsom Prison, Davis, Santa Rosa, Orange County, and coming soon Auburn or around the world with our eFam - we're committed to reaching even more people with the gospel.

This year-end giving season focuses on growing and expanding our ministry, so we can continue to reach people wherever they are.

STRETCHING OUR FAITH



This December, we're stretching our faith and giving together as a church. Whether this is the first time you've given or you've been giving for years, this is always a special time for our church to come together as we believe for God to do more in and through Bayside.

For many of you, that means you'll take the first step to begin tithing. For some of you who have been consistently tithing, that means you'll take a step to give an offering above and beyond the tithe. This season isn't about how much you give, but it is about your willingness to place something of yours in God's hands.

Take some time this week to pray about the next step you feel God is calling you to take.

If you have any giving questions, please email us at giving@baysideonline.com.

If you can't join us in person, you can participate online at
BaysideOnline.com.

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