

Investing time, talents and treasure

We want to help you to respond to God's great love for you which includes growing and acting in love for God which overflows in generous love for one another and all (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13).

In love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died our death, brought forgiveness and freed us to live for him rather than being condemned to our old pattern. As we think about what we do, it's not about how we prove ourselves to God or one another. It is an opportunity to reflect on our response to our Father who providentially cares for us, the Lord Jesus who gave himself for us and the Holy Spirit who is working in us.

This page is for your own thought. It's a tool for your prayerful reflection on how our Father's gospel plan is shaping the way you invest your time, talents and treasure.

How is our Father's gospel plan shaping our TIME?

How are you going with these regular priorities?

- Daily prayer and reflecting on what God says in the Bible.
- Weekly active participation in our Sunday gathering.
- Meeting with & praying for your discipleship group.
- Regular time building community with gospel intent.
- Regular prayer and care for global partners.

What habits and rhythms of life are you cultivating in order to have a gospel impact?

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How is our Father's gospel plan shaping our TALENTS?

Regular love through task:

- Doing my job/ studying/ caring for family as a way to benefit others.
- Using skills as we gather and to support the work of the gospel in Sojourn (_____).

Are there things you're quite good at that could prove helpful to us in the Sojourn community?

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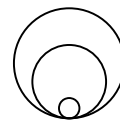
Is there a need that you could work towards meeting?

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How is our Father's gospel plan shaping our TREASURE?

Principles:

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We are further challenged in the New Testament that the goal in monetary matters as in everything else is love which bears the cost to benefit others. It's sacrificial. There is no limit!

Working through these principles:

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Current giving	<input type="text"/>
Generous goal	<input type="text"/>
Budget to Sojourn	<input type="text"/>
Generosity to global partners*	<input type="text"/>

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As we talk and reflect on our budgeting, do remember:

- Equal sacrifice is not equal giving. Some will be giving comparatively bigger or smaller amounts but it is the attitude of the heart that honours God and is sold out to his gospel plan that we seek for you - not simply a pile of dollars.
- We actively encourage you to be generous to gospel work beyond Sojourn. As we grow in generosity we will naturally be drawn to the needs of the world around us. One approach is to budget the bulk of ten percent to Sojourn as the church you partner and grow in and keep stretching our generosity to local and global partners.