

SERVE GOD

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CLASS "F" - FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

USING YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

"Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have"

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GOD'S ECONOMY

"Oikonomoi" is formed by two words _____ and _____

In God's economy he is the _____ and everything I have _____ to him.

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Hosts." (Haggai 2:8)

"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." (Psalm 24:1)

God gives us everything we have so that we can _____ Him fully.

"God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17)

We are _____ to be a _____.

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)



CONTRIBUTOR OR CONSUMER?

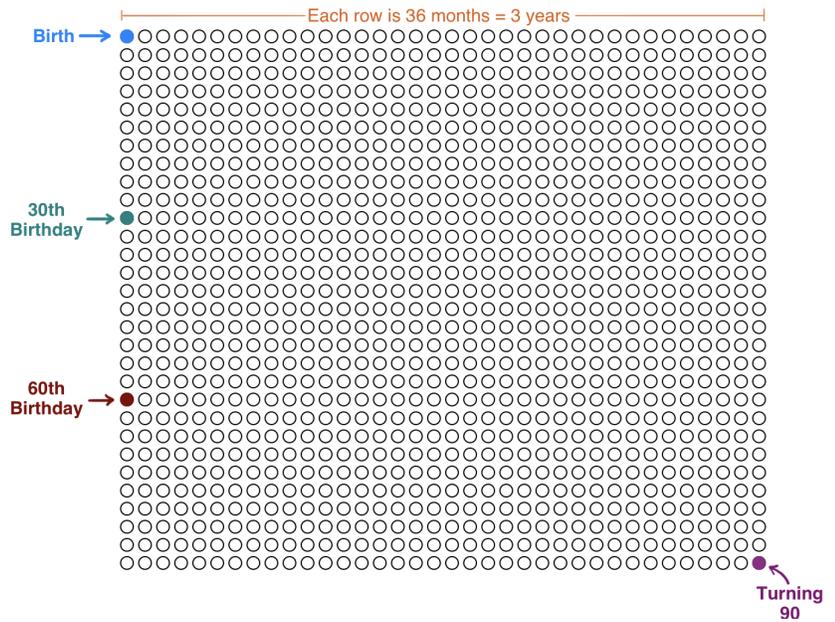




WE ARE SPIRITUAL CONTRIBUTORS
NOT SPIRITUAL CONSUMERS.

THE CHURCH DOES NOT EXIST FOR US.
WE ARE THE CHURCH
AND WE EXIST FOR THE WORLD.

A 90-Year Human Life in Months



1. TIME

You can't _____ it, you can only _____ it.

God gives us a limited amount of time to impact _____.

"The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years ... So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:10a, 12 NKJV)

2. TALENT

You can't _____ it, you can only _____ it.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:10,11)

3. TREASURE

You can't _____ it, you can only _____ it.

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, Deut. 8:17,18

God uses money to _____ your heart and your _____ as a servant

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:20,21)

"If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" (Luke 16:11)

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (Luke 16:13 and Matthew 6:24)

We Give...

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6)

YOU CAN'T OUTGIVE GOD!

blessings and benefits of giving

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus , that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

**TEST
ME IN
THIS ...**

"and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10

EXPERIENCES WORKSHEET

Transfer your answers to your SHAPE Worksheet. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

LIFE EXPERIENCES

From what problems, hurts, pains or trials have you learned that you can in turn help others?

- Abortion
- Abuse
- Adoption
- Alcoholism
- Alzheimer's/
Dementia
- Bankruptcy
- Cancer
- Chronic Pain
- Crisis Pregnancy
- Death/Grief
- Depression
- Dysfunctional Family
- Divorce
- Drug Abuse/Addiction
- Eating Disorder
- Extended Job Loss
- Extended Physical
Illness/Injury
- Foster Care
- Handicapped/Disabled
- Homeless
- Military Wartime Service
- Miscarriage
- Orphaned
- Prison
- Recovery Program
- Remarried
- Restored Marriage
- Suicide
- Widowed
- Other _____

What jobs have you been most effective in and enjoyed the most? List them below.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS?

- Certified Teacher
- Commercial Driver's License
- Construction Professional
- Law Enforcement Professional
- Legal Professional
- Medical Professional
- Ministry Professional
- Food Handler's License
- Other (please specify)
- _____

MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

Where have you enjoyed serving in the past?



Navigators Discipleship Tool

Sharing about your own faith journey with Jesus is one of the most powerful ways you can help friends grasp how much God loves us.

If someone asked you to share today, you might find it challenging to explain how you came to believe in God, or what he means to you? If so, that's okay!

Try setting aside just 15 minutes to capture some key milestones in your journey with Christ below, and use this as a guide for sharing your story with others, whether in snippets over time or all at once over coffee. Remember, it's your story, so the more authentic and personal it is, the better.



STORIES OF REDEMPTION

Preparing Your Personal Testimony

BEFORE

① Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

② What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

HOW

① What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?

② What has become your favorite Bible verse and why?

③ Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel. John 3:16 is a great verse to use.

AFTER

① Give an example of how God has met your needs—either physical or emotional—since you accepted Jesus.

② Share about what part of your relationship with God you're most grateful for today.

