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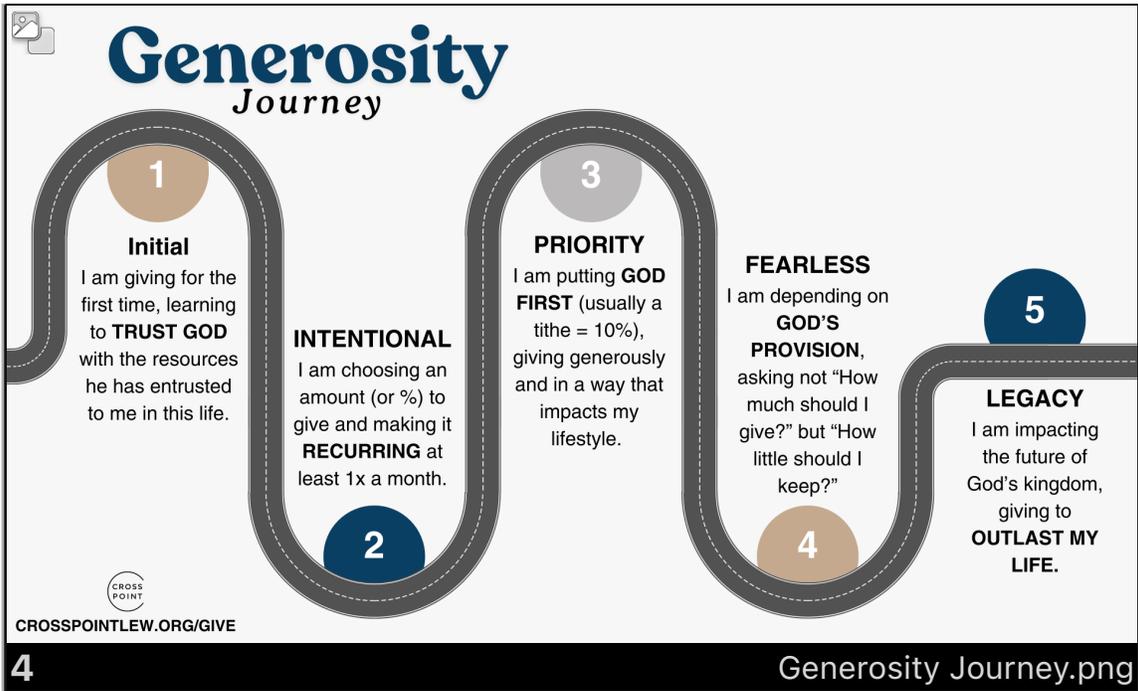




Generosity emphasizes trust, surrender, joy, and release of the resources entrusted to us.

Stewardship emphasizes responsibility, planning, and faithfulness to God's purposes with the money he has entrusted to us over time.

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Generosity Journey

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Initial
I am giving for the first time, learning to **TRUST GOD** with the resources he has entrusted to me in this life.

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INTENTIONAL
I am choosing an amount (or %) to give and making it **RECURRING** at least 1x a month.

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PRIORITY
I am putting **GOD FIRST** (usually a tithe = 10%), giving generously and in a way that impacts my lifestyle.

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FEARLESS
I am depending on **GOD'S PROVISION**, asking not "How much should I give?" but "How little should I keep?"

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LEGACY
I am impacting the future of God's kingdom, giving to **OUTLAST MY LIFE.**

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Sacrificial Generosity: Since God is the abundant owner of all things, we live as generous stewards to reflect his goodness and advance his kingdom.

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These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground.

Genesis 2v4-5 (CSB)

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But mist would come up from the earth and water all the ground. Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2v6-7 (CSB)

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The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed. The LORD God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2v8-9 (CSB)

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A river went out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers. 11 The name of the first is Pishon, which flows through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. Gold from that land is pure; bdellium and onyx are also there. The name of the second river is Gihon, which flows through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which runs east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Genesis 2v11-14 (CSB)

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The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.

Genesis 2v15 (CSB)

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God initiated **stewardship** as a part of humanity's original calling in the world.

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To work (*avad*) – a day's work, to serve, or to worship when in reference to God

To watch over (*shamar*) – doing right by the temple liturgy.

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We were stewards before we were sinners.

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Because God created everything, we steward all that belongs to him.

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**The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
Psalm 24v1 (CSB)**

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We have a priestly role to manage holy resources.

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Stewardship is part of our original calling and an act of worship.

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How most of handle our money:

Spend it – me
Pay debt – me
Pay taxes – Government
Save it – me
Give it – God

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Practice 1: Give Generously

Honor the LORD with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3v9-10 (CSB)

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**“The distinctive thing that money allows us – it’s most seductive promise – is abundance without dependence.”
Andy Crouch**

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Practice 2: Save Responsibly

Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time. But whoever gathers little by little will increase it.

Proverbs 13v11 (CSB)

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Practice 3: Steward Wisely

Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life.

1 Timothy 6v17-19 (CSB)

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Use a budget.

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Live below your means.

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Avoid most debt, especially high-interest debt. Pay off all debt, ASAP!

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Plan major purchases and avoid impulse purchasing.

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Seek wise counsel before significant spending.

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Invest in the Kingdom of God.

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Wise stewardship ultimately asks:

**Does my spending reflect my life's purpose and mission?
Does my lifestyle reflect eternity?**

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Stewardship is part of our priestly calling.

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