



MEMBERSHIP TRACK



RELEVANT
CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Membership Track. This class is designed to do three things. First, help you learn more about who we are. Second, help you learn a little bit more about who you are. Third, and most importantly, help you learn about who we are together. From the initial decision to find out more about the vision of Relevant Church, to a fulfilling position role on one our teams, we will provide you with a path to find your place, reveal your purpose, and unlock your potential.

Membership Track is comprised of two specifically designed classes listed below. Each class helps you take a step towards God's plan of fulfillment for your life.

CLASS ONE

Become better acquainted with the story, vision and values of Relevant. Come to connect with others, have the opportunity to become a church member and discover why there's a place for you.

CLASS TWO

Discover and understand how your personal and spiritual makeup reveals a path to your purpose. We believe God created every person with a specific plan for their life. Find out more about the community, growth, and fulfillment that comes from being on member here.

CLASS ONE

FIND YOUR PLACE. RELEVANT. UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL.
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OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Today, our hope is to give you a basic introduction about our church. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, these classes are designed to clearly explain who we are, help you understand a little more about who you are, and most importantly establish who we are together. We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Relevant Church!

OUR STORY

Pastor Chris Sarno is one who heard the Gospel and changed his life forever. A graduate of Rhema Bible Training Institute, Pastor Chris always had a heart to go to the nations with the saving, healing power of Jesus Christ. Chris Sarno Ministries was formed in 2000 and included a homeless ministry, prison ministry, jail ministry, worldwide evangelism and healing crusades. As an evangelist, he travels across the country and around the world, preaching the gospel and holding healing crusades, leadership conferences and revival meetings. His explosive preaching style and insight into the Word of God has changed many lives to the glory of God. His CD's, books and teaching materials have been translated into other languages and distributed internationally.

Pastor Liz has a love for people and a desire to see them experience the presence of God on a deeper level. Her roles as music minister, women's ministry director and Bible School instructor give her the avenue to accomplish this. As she serves Relevant Church alongside her husband Pastor Chris Sarno, Pastor Liz fulfills many roles both behind the scenes and in the pulpit. As the ministry administrator, she is responsible for overseeing the operations of Relevant Church, The International Bible Training Center and Chris Sarno Ministries.

In 2004, Pastors Chris and Liz started the International Miracle Center Church at our beachside location with 12 people. In the fall of 2009, the name was changed to Relevant Church and a second location was added for Sunday morning services. The church moved into its current location at 920 Beville Road, Daytona Beach in April of 2011. Our outreach campus at 507 5th Avenue is still active every Monday night as we feed the homeless, physically and spiritually. Relevant Church is affiliated with Rhema Bible Training Center, Faith Christian Fellowship and the Association of Related Churches.

God is at work at Relevant Church! We invite you to see for yourself how exciting church can be when the focus is simple, and people are encouraged to connect with God! We are a family that goes to church together and we have room for you!



WHO WE ARE

Relevant Church exists to help people connect to God so that they can find their place, reveal their purpose, and unlock their potential. We believe that we are not just a church, but a family that goes to church together.

VISION

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD

Relevant Church exists to help people find their place, reveal their purpose, and unlock their potential.

VALUES

TEACH THE WORD

Our number one authority is the Word of God. We stand firmly on the foundation of the Bible and make it our mission to both build with and be built by the truth of its principles and constructs.

FOLLOW THE SPIRIT

We follow the Holy Spirit wherever He leads. We are sensitive, obedient, and willing to listen to every truth He reminds us of. It is our priority to never get in the way of the Holy Spirit.

BUILD THE COMMUNITY

We are a family that goes to church together. Our family consists of those we know and those who will soon walk through our doors that we've yet to meet. Relationship is the heartbeat of our church.

REACH THE WORLD

Our mission extends further than our four walls. We focus on bringing the vision and values of Relevant Church around the globe. It is our goal to partner with and care for the nations.

AIM FOR EXCELLENCE

We keep our eyes set on excellence. We know excellence is the answer to the question: "If I gave this my all, what would it look like?" Perfection is never expected; effort always is.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

Our church government is made up of three tiers of leadership:

1. GUIDED BY PASTORS.

The Pastoral leadership team is led by the Senior Pastors. This team oversees the day to day ministry and operations of the church. These staff leaders serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

2. PROTECTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors is made up of appointed individuals who help guide and govern Relevant Church and provide accountability to the pastors and leadership team. Financial accountability is managed by the church administration and overseen by a local, reputable accounting firm.

3. STRENGTHENED BY AFFILIATES.

Selected pastors of respected congregations and ministries nationwide, who love Relevant Church and its pastors, provide spiritual protection and guidance for the church. They may be called in to help in accountability matters relating to the Senior Pastor, if requested by the Board of Directors.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

At Relevant Church, We Believe:

THE SCRIPTURES - The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

We Believe in:

THE GODHEAD - Our God is one, but manifested in three Persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being coequal (Deut. 6:4; Phil. 2:6). God the Father is greater than all; the Sender of the Word (Logos) and the Begetter (John 14:28; John 16:28; John 1:14). The Son is the Word flesh-covered, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning (John 1:1; John 1:18; John 1:14). The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal (John 14:16; John 15:26).

We Believe in:

MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION - Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. The Bible says "...all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," and "...There is none righteous, no, not one." (Rom. 3:10; 3:23). Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the works of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God (Rom. 5:14; 1 John 3:8).

Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Eph. 2:8-10).

We Believe in:

ETERNAL LIFE AND THE NEW BIRTH - Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced, produces eternal life (2 Cor. 7:10; John 3:3-5; 1 John 5:12).

We Believe in:

WATER BAPTISM - Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection

(Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).

The following recommendation regarding the water baptismal formula is adopted; to wit: "On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

We Believe in:

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST - The Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the new birth. This experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance (Matt. 3:11; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38,39; Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:1-4).

We Believe in:

SANCTIFICATION - The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation at Christ's return (Heb. 12:14; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 1:30).

We Believe in:

DIVINE HEALING - Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of every member of the Church today (James 5:14,15; Mark 16:18; Isa. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24).

We Believe in:

RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE RETURN OF OUR LORD - The angels said to Jesus' disciples, "...This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." His coming is imminent. When He comes, "...The dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..." (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16,17).

Following the Tribulation, He shall return to earth as King of kings, and Lord of lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years (Rev. 5:10;20:6).

We Believe in:

ETERNITY - Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with him is eternal life. Heaven and hell are places of eternal existence. John 3:16; 1 John 2:25; 1 John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 25:31-46

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in this class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Relevant Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members of Relevant Church to do the following:

1. Support the vision of my church:

- By attending church and serving faithfully on the Dream Team.*
- By living a godly life.*
- By giving regularly.*

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

"Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Leviticus 27:30

2. Serve the mission of my church:

- By discovering my gifts and talents.*
- By being equipped to serve.*
- By developing a servant's heart.*

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." 1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11-12

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...by taking on the very nature of a servant." Philippians 2:4-5, 7

3. Protect the unity of my church:

- *By acting in love toward other members.*
- *By refusing to gossip.*
- *By following the leaders.*

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 14:19 (Ph)

"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." Romans 15:5 (LB)

"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart."

1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." Ephesians 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

4. Share the responsibility of my church:

- *By praying for its growth.*
- *By inviting the unchurched to attend.*
- *By warmly welcoming those who visit*

"To the church...we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that the house will be full."

Luke 14:23 (LB)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 (LB)

A photograph of two women, one older and one younger, looking at a smartphone together. The older woman is on the left, smiling, and the younger woman is on the right, holding the phone. They are both wearing dark-colored shirts. The younger woman's shirt has a logo that says "RELEVANT CHURCH". The image is overlaid with a large white circle containing text.

AT HOME TESTS

The following pages consist of two separate tests that will allow you to discover powerful insights about who you are.

TEST INSTRUCTIONS

How to take the "DISC" Personality Test:

Step 1:

Answer each question in boxes 1-4 honestly by circling the number that best describes you. Allow yourself 2-1/2 minutes to complete this step.

Step 2:

Add the total of circled numbers in box 1 and write the number on the total line. Do the same in box 2, 3, and 4.

Step 3:

Identify the box with the highest totaled number and the second highest totaled number which will specify your dominant personality traits. Box 1= the "D" personality.

Box 2= the "I" personality. Box 3= the "S" personality. Box 4= the "C" personality. Write your dominant personality traits sequence in the top right hand corner (DI, ID, SC, CD and so on).

Step 4:

Read the description of your dominant personality trait (D, I, S, C) and the description of your two highest personality traits together (DI, ID, SC, CD and so on).

DISC TEST

| 1. Total _____ | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| <i>I am assertive, demanding, and decisive.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I enjoy doing multiple tasks at once.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I thrive in a challenge-based environment.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I think about tasks above others or myself.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I am motivated by accomplishment and authority.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| 2. Total _____ | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| <i>I enjoy influencing and inspiring people.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I am optimistic about others.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I tend to be the life of the party.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I think about motivating people.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I am motivated by recognition and approval.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| 3. Total _____ | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| <i>I thrive in consistent environments over changing ones.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I prefer specifics over generalizations.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I enjoy small groups of people.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I prefer being a member of a team over leading the team.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I am motivated by stability and support.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| 4. Total _____ | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| <i>I typically do not take big risks.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I love tasks, order and details.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I am right most of the time.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I comply with clearly defined rules.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>I am motivated by quality and correctness.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

My Personality / Leadership Style _____

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY

D

"D"s are direct and decisive; they are risk takers and problem solvers. They are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than they are with gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make them insensitive to those around them, "D"s are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and they thrive when it comes to developing new things. They need discipline to excel, and they respond to direct confrontation. The greatest fear of a "D" is to be taken advantage of, and even despite their possible weaknesses—which include an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much—they place a high value on time and use their innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.

I

"I"s are inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional—they tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. They often have a large number of friends, but they can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. An "I"s greatest fear is rejection, but they thrive when it comes to motivating others. Their positive sense of humor helps them negotiate conflicts. Though they can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, they can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when they control their feelings and minimize their urge to entertain and be the center of attention. They value lots of human touch and connection.

S

"S"s are steady and more reserved. Because they are stable and predictable, they do not like change, and they thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. They are often friendly and understanding as well as good listeners and loyal workers who are happy doing the same job consistently. With an incredible ability to forgive, reliable and dependable "S"s tend to make the best friends. Their greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and their possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change, but also difficulty adjusting to it. They can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid be taken advantage of, "S"s need to be stronger and learn how to say "no." They also like to avoid the limelight, but when given an opportunity to genuinely help others, they will gladly rise to the occasion. They feel most valued when they have truly helped someone.

C

"C"s are compliant and analytical. Careful and logical lines of thinking drive them forward, and accuracy is a top priority. They hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem solving. Though they thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, they tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for them, but when they are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, they can be big assets to the team by providing calculated "reality checks". The "C"s biggest fear is criticism, and their need for perfectionism is often a weakness, as is their tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, they are thorough in all activities and can bring a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. They value being correct the most.

D / I

"D/I"s are curious conclusers who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach their goals. They are more determined than they are inspirational, yet their high expectations and standards for themselves and those around them typically causes them to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow them. They have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. They often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because "D/I"s thrive on activity and forward motion, they like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.

Biblical Examples: Joshua (Joshua 1), Noah (Genesis 6-9), Sarah (Genesis 16, 1 Peter 3:6)

I / D

"I/D"s are persuaders who are outgoing and energetic. They enjoy large groups and use their power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow their lead. Sometimes they can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from their need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. "I/D"s could benefit from learning to look before they leap and spending more time being studious and still. They make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people.

Biblical Examples: John the Baptist (Luke 3), Peter (Matthew 16 and 26, Acts 3), Rebekah (Genesis 24)

S / D

"S/D"s are quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. They perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though they can be soft-and hard-hearted at the same time, they enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate them, especially ones that allow them to take a systematic approach. Because this personality style tends to be determined, persevering through time and struggles, they benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.

Biblical Examples: Martha (Luke 10:38-42), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11)

C / D

"C/D"s are cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, they do care about individual people but have a difficult time showing it. They often feel they are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of their administrative skills, they are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. "C/D"s have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite their natural drive to achieve, they should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people.

Biblical Examples: Bezalel (Exodus 35:30-36, 8, 37:1-9), Jochebed (Exodus 1:22-2:4), Jethro (Exodus 2,18)

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY

D / S

"D/S"s are attainers and achievers with an ability to persevere. They are more active than passive, but they possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes them good leaders. They seem to be people oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. They strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from strong internal drive, but they could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.

Biblical Examples: Daniel (Daniel 1-6), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11), Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

I / S

"I/S"s are influential counselors who love people, and it's no surprise that people love them. They live to please and serve, and they tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to them, as is following through and being obedient. They often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than they are with the task at hand. However, they can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and they shine when it comes to influencing and helping others.

Biblical Examples: Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2-3), Nicodemus (John 3, 7, 19)

S / I

"S/I"s are inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, they have many friends because they accept and represent others well. Their social nature and desire to be likable and flexible makes them inclined to be overly tolerant and non-confrontational. "S/I"s will benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, they include others and inspire them to follow. Words of affirmation go a long way with this personality type, and with the right motivation, they can be excellent team players.

Biblical Examples: Mary Magdalene (Luke 7:36-47), Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2-13)

C / I

"C/I"s pay attention to the details. They tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, they enjoy both large and small crowds. Though they work well with people, they are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about them and their work. They could benefit from being more assertive and self-motivated. Often excellent judges of character, they easily trust those who meet their standards. They are moved by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations.

Biblical Examples: Miriam (Exodus 15-21, Numbers 12:1-15), Ezra (Ezra 7, 8)

D / C

"D/C"s are challengers and can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to them, yet they care little about what others think as long as they get the job done. They have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution; they prefer to work alone. Though they fear failure and the lack of influence, they are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. They can benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.

Biblical Examples: Malachi (Malachi 4), Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13), Nahum (Nahum 1-3)

I / C

"I/C"s are inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. They excel in determining ways to improve production. They tend to be impatient and critical, and they can also be overly persuasive and too consumed by the desire to win. "I/C"s like to work inside the box, and they could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; they are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done.

Biblical Examples: Miriam (Exodus 15-21), Ezra (Ezra 7-8), Shunammite Woman (2 Kings 4:8-37)

S / C

"S/C"s are diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, they like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberate, they prefer to take their time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and they also need to be aware of the way they treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, the "S/C" can be a peacemaker; this makes them a loyal team member and friend.

Biblical Examples: Moses (Exodus 3, 4, 20, 32), John (John 19:26-27), Eliezer (Genesis 24)

C / S

"C/S"s are systematic and stable. They tend to do one thing at a time—and do it right. Reserved and cautious, they would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track; however, they seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in their environments. Precisionists to the letter, they painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which they equate to failure. Diligent workers, their motivation comes from serving others.

Biblical Examples: Esther (Esther 4), Zechariah (Luke 1), Joseph (Matthew 1:1-23)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

If you are a "D" – Dominant, Direct, Task oriented, Decisive, Organized, Outgoing, Outspoken

- A. Strive to listen to other people more attentively.*
- B. Try to be less controlling and domineering.*
- C. Develop a greater appreciation for the opinions, feelings and desires of others.*
- D. Put more energy into personal relationships.*
- E. Show your support for the other team members.*

If you are an "I" – Influential, Interested in people, Witty, Easygoing, Outgoing, People Oriented

- A. Weigh the pros and cons before making a decision; be less impulsive.*
- B. Remember to help with tasks more.*
- C. Exercise control over your actions, words and emotions.*
- D. Focus more on details and facts.*
- E. Remember to slow down your pace for other people.*
- F. Talk less; listen more.*

If you are an "S" – Steady, Stable, Analytical, People oriented, Introverted

- A. Consider how change is healthy. Try to change more willingly.*
- B. Be more direct in your interactions.*
- C. Focus on overall goals of your family or group rather than specific procedures.*
- D. Deal with confrontation constructively.*
- E. Develop more flexibility.*
- F. Try to show more initiative.*

If you are a "C" – Compliant, Competent, Task oriented, Goal oriented, Introverted

- A. Concentrate on doing the right things – not just doing things right.*
- B. Be less critical of others' ideas and methods.*
- C. Respond more quickly to accomplish others' goals.*
- D. Strive to build relationships with other people and family members.*
- E. Be more decisive.*
- F. Focus less on facts and more on people.*

How to Take the Spiritual Gifts Test:

Step 1:

Answer the Spiritual gifts questions honestly with the corresponding number 1 almost never – 2 seldom – 3 sometimes – 4 frequently – 5 almost always. Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions.

Step 2:

Add each line left to right and place the totaled number in the total column.

Step 3:

Identify your highest totaled number with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents.

Step 4:

Read about your gifts.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST

SPIRITUAL GIFTS QUESTIONS

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I enjoy starting new churches.
3. Working with my hands is fun for me.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray for the lost daily.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. Believing God for our daily needs is important to me.
8. Influencing others for the kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing the little things that others do not.
11. Having people over to my house is something I do often.
12. Spending hours in prayer for other people is very enjoyable to me.
13. Education is very important to me.
14. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
15. My heart hurts when I see others hurting.
16. I believe God will use me to enact His miracles.
17. I enjoy sharing the gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
18. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and or instrument.
19. Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes.
20. The willful sin of others really aggravates me.
21. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
22. I like creating outlines of the Bible.
23. God has used me to interpret a heavenly language.
24. I enjoy the book of Proverbs more than any other book in the Bible.
25. I am passionate about managing details.
26. I prefer to pioneer new ministry projects.
27. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
28. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
29. I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved.
30. I try to come across loving and caring.
31. Asking God for a list of big things is exciting to me.
32. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
33. I believe miraculous healing is for this day and age.
34. Helping others is one of my highest achievements.
35. Creating a warm and welcoming home is important to me.
36. I am burdened to pray for situations in the world.
37. People seek me out to learn more about the Kingdom of God.
38. I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary.
39. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
40. Miracles often happen when I'm nearby.
41. Living in another country to benefit the gospel is exciting to me.
42. I desire to serve the church through worship.
43. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.
44. Confronting someone with sin in their life is not hard.
45. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
46. I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth.
47. I pray in tongues daily.
48. When I study scripture God gives me unique insights.
49. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
50. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
51. Building something with my hands is very rewarding to me.
52. I can pinpoint issues or problems before others.
53. I enjoy sharing the gospel with a total stranger.
54. I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people.
55. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
56. Making more money means that I can give more.
57. God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick.
58. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
59. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
60. People often describe me as a prayer warrior.
61. I enjoy knowing biblical details and helping others to understand.
62. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
63. I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate.
64. I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power.
65. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
66. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
67. I enjoy walking with someone in times of difficulty.
68. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of the truth.
69. I like to do small things that others pass over.
70. I prefer to teach the Bible topically rather than verse by verse.
71. Praying in the Spirit is encouraging and important to me.
72. When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions and choices.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS RATINGS

1 - Almost Never

2 - Seldom

3 - Sometimes

4 - Frequently

5 - Almost Always

| | | | Total | Gifts |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| 1. _____ | <u>25</u> _____ | 49. _____ | _____ | A. _____ |
| 2. _____ | <u>26</u> _____ | 50. _____ | _____ | B. _____ |
| 3. _____ | <u>27</u> _____ | 51. _____ | _____ | C. _____ |
| 4. _____ | <u>28</u> _____ | 52. _____ | _____ | D. _____ |
| 5. _____ | <u>29</u> _____ | 53. _____ | _____ | E. _____ |
| 6. _____ | <u>30</u> _____ | 54. _____ | _____ | F. _____ |
| 7. _____ | <u>31</u> _____ | 55. _____ | _____ | G. _____ |
| 8. _____ | <u>32</u> _____ | 56. _____ | _____ | H. _____ |
| 9. _____ | <u>33</u> _____ | 57. _____ | _____ | I. _____ |
| 10. _____ | <u>34</u> _____ | 58. _____ | _____ | J. _____ |
| 11. _____ | <u>35</u> _____ | 59. _____ | _____ | K. _____ |
| 12. _____ | <u>36</u> _____ | 60. _____ | _____ | L. _____ |
| 13. _____ | <u>37</u> _____ | 61. _____ | _____ | M. _____ |
| 14. _____ | <u>38</u> _____ | 62. _____ | _____ | N. _____ |
| 15. _____ | <u>39</u> _____ | 63. _____ | _____ | O. _____ |
| 16. _____ | <u>40</u> _____ | 64. _____ | _____ | P. _____ |
| 17. _____ | <u>41</u> _____ | 65. _____ | _____ | Q. _____ |
| 18. _____ | <u>42</u> _____ | 66. _____ | _____ | R. _____ |
| 19. _____ | <u>43</u> _____ | 67. _____ | _____ | S. _____ |
| 20. _____ | <u>44</u> _____ | 68. _____ | _____ | T. _____ |
| 21. _____ | <u>45</u> _____ | 69. _____ | _____ | U. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 46. _____ | 70. _____ | _____ | V. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 47. _____ | 71. _____ | _____ | W. _____ |
| 24. _____ | 48. _____ | 72. _____ | _____ | X. _____ |

GIFT DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

The following contains definitions of the Spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the Gifts Questionnaire.

The team list following the supporting scripture provides suggested teams with serving environments where the corresponding gifts can be most effective.

A. ADMINISTRATION

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28 (Rkidz, Events, Hospitality, Administration)

B. APOSTLESHIP

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14 (Membership Track, Small Group Leadership)

C. CRAFTSMANSHIP

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications. Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3 (Facilities, Rkidz, Setup/Takedown, Relevant Media)

D. DISCERNMENT

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations. Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6 (Experience Team, Membership Track, Rkidz, Prayer Team, Prison Ministry, Media)

E. EVANGELISM

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian. Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14 (IMC, Outreach Team, Prayer Team, Prison Ministry, Community Group Leadership)

F. EXHORTATION

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

(IMC, Outreach, Hospitality, Events, Experience Team, Relevant Worship, Relevant Media, Membership Track, Rkidz, Relevant Youth, Prison Ministry, Small Group Leadership)

G. FAITH

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

H. GIVING

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

I. HEALING

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses. Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

(Prayer Team)

J. HELPS

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

(Hospitality, Events, Facilities)

K. HOSPITALITY

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church. Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

(Hospitality, Events, Experience Team, Relevant Youth)

L. INTERCESSION

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results. Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

(Prayer Team, Community Group Leadership)

M. KNOWLEDGE

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God. Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

(IMC, Outreach, Prayer Team, Relevant Media)

N. LEADERSHIP

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea. Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

O. MERCY

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

(IMC, Outreach, Community Group Leadership)

P. MIRACLES

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

(IMC, Outreach, Prayer Team)

Q. MISSIONARY

The gift of missions is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality, while in most cases living in that culture or nation. Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15

(IMC, Outreach, Prison Ministry, Small Group Leadership)

R. MUSIC / WORSHIP

*The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God. Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12; Psalm 150
(Relevant Worship, Relevant Media)*

S. PASTOR / SHEPHERD

*The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues. John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3
(Membership Track, R' Kids, Elevate Students, Online, Small Group Leadership)*

T. PROPHECY

*The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan. Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5
(Prayer Team, Community Group Leadership)*

U. SERVICE

*The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ. Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14
(Hospitality, Events, Rkidz, Setup/Takedown)*

V. TEACHING

*The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.
Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14
(Small Group Leadership, IBTC)*

W. TONGUES (and Interpretation)

*The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately. Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14
(Prayer Team)*

X. WISDOM

*The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing the fruitful outcome and character of Jesus Christ. Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8
(Relevant Worship, Media, Prayer Team, Community Group Leadership)*



CLASS TWO

DISCOVERING PERSONALITY

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS IS TO HELP ME:

Find my _____

Reveal my _____

Unlock my _____

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he _____ will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to _____ the Father." John 14:12 (NASB)

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY

1. Examining Four Personality Types

"D" _____

"I" _____

"S" _____

"C" _____

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

-Psalm 139:14

2. Elements that Help to Develop Your Personality

- _____ History

- _____

- _____

- Life _____

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, _____ the new has come!"

-2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

"Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant."

-1 Corinthians 12:1

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT:

1. _____.

We all have natural abilities that we've learned from those around us regardless of Christian faith. Many times our natural abilities and strengths are redeemed by the Lord to become spiritual gifts.

2. _____.

We are all called to have character and our gifts should produce the nature of Jesus Christ in each person. A person should not say he has the "gift of peace" when we are all encouraged to develop that characteristic. Spiritual gifts offer opportunities for us to exemplify Christ.

3. _____.

Spiritual gifts often lead to titles or positions but a person may have the gift without the role or the role without the gift. Regardless, we should serve whenever we are given the opportunity. Working in the area of your gifting will allow you to "be" the person that God has called you to be rather than just "doing" good things.

4. _____.

Spiritual gifts are endowments given by God to His people for accomplishing His purpose on the earth. Spiritual gifts are given for the glory of God.

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts... try to excel in gifts that build up the church." -1 Corinthians 14:1

HOW DO I RECEIVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

- A. Accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.
- C. Learn about spiritual gifts.
- D. Ask for the Lord to give you spiritual gifts.

"Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour." -Matthew 8:13

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

*YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY BEING A PART OF
ONE OF OUR _____.*

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that God given purpose.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me." Acts 20:24 (NIV)

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

1. _____ your giftings.

A. Your gift may tie in directly with your temperament and personality. The same God who gives spiritual gifts also made up our total being.

B. Know your potential strengths and weaknesses.

2. _____ the opportunities.

A. Look for needs.

B. Based upon your gifting find out where you can be useful.

C. Do it.

3. _____ your results.

A. Your spiritual gift should work.

B. Gifted people get results. If you have the gift of healing, sick people will get well.

4. _____ with the Relevant Church Serve Team

What is my personality type and leadership style?

_____ (D, I, S, C) (People or Task Oriented)

What are two primary spiritual gifts or natural abilities I have?

1. _____

2. _____

In what two areas am I most experienced and/or interested?

1. _____

2. _____

Based upon the answers above, with what team do I need to connect

SERVE TEAM

AS A MEMBER OF THE RELEVANT CHURCH SERVE TEAM, I AM CALLED TO:

1. _____ with _____ people.

People matter to God, so they matter to us.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4

2. _____ relationships with my _____.

Real Life change happens... real leaders are developed... when we take a step towards intentional relationships.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

3. _____ those around me.

We are a people of purpose, working together on purpose

"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ." Colossians 1:28

- 4 _____ the wins.

There is nothing more powerful than a life changed by Christ.

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Philippians 4:8-9, 13

TO BEGIN SERVING ON OUR SERVE TEAM:

1. Complete and sign the Volunteer Application.
2. Select the department in which you would like to serve.
3. Based on your selection, your Serve Team Leader(s) will contact you with next steps.

INFRASTRUCTURE

RELEVANT CHURCH

COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE

RKIDZ

RELEVANT YOUTH

RELEVANT YOUNG ADULTS

RELEVANT MEN

RELEVANT WOMEN

LIFE GROUPS

CONNECTION COLLECTIVE

EXPERIENCE TEAM

SECURITY TEAM

HOSPITALITY TEAM

PRAYER TEAM

CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

RELEVANT WORSHIP

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ART CREW

COMM CREW

THE INITIATIVES

OUTREACH TEAM

INTERNATIONAL MIRACLE CENTER

JAIL MINISTRY

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RELEVANT YOUNG ADULTS EXISTS TO CONNECT YOUNG ADULTS TO GOD.

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RELEVANT MEN EXISTS TO CONNECT MEN TO GOD & EACH OTHER.

Together

TOGETHER EXISTS TO CONNECT WOMEN TO GOD & EACH OTHER.

LIFE GROUPS

COMMUNITY GROUPS EXISTS TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO GOD & EACH OTHER

CONNECTION COLLECTIVE

The Connection Collective exists to create an atmosphere that invites and enables people to connect to God by feeling welcomed, safe, and loved.

EXPERIENCE TEAM

THE EXPERIENCE TEAM INVITES AND ENABLES PEOPLE TO CONNECT TO GOD BY FEELING WELCOMED, SAFE, AND LOVED BY GREETING, GUIDING, AND CHEERFULLY ENGAGING ALL GUESTS.

SECURITY TEAM

THE SECURITY TEAM INVITES AND ENABLES PEOPLE TO CONNECT TO GOD BY FEELING WELCOMED, SAFE, AND LOVED BY MAINTAINING ORDER, PROTECTION, AND PEACE OF MIND FOR ALL GUESTS.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

THE HOSPITALITY TEAM INVITES AND ENABLES PEOPLE TO CONNECT TO GOD BY FEELING WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE IN A FRIENDLY AND WARM ATMOSPHERE.

PRAYER TEAM

THE PRAYER TEAM INVITES AND ENABLES PEOPLE TO CONNECT TO GOD BY PRAYING OUT THE PLANS, PURPOSES, AND PURSUITS OF RELEVANT CHURCH & ALL ITS MINISTRIES.

CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

The Creative Collective exists to create an atmosphere that invites and enables people to connect to God through what they see, hear, and feel.

RELEVANT WORSHIP

RELEVANT WORSHIP EXISTS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT INVITES AND ENABLES PEOPLE TO CONNECT TO GOD THROUGH WHAT THEY SEE, FEEL, AND HEAR BY EXPRESSING REVERENCE AND ADORATION TO THE LORD THROUGH SINGING AND PLAYING OF INSTRUMENTS.

RELEVANT MEDIA CREW

RELEVANT MEDIA CREW EXISTS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT INVITES AND ENABLES PEOPLE TO CONNECT TO GOD THROUGH WHAT THEY SEE, FEEL, AND HEAR BY UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE TO BOTH BUILD AND BROADCAST A FULL EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE IN-PERSON & ONLINE.

ART CREW

THE ART CREW EXISTS TO DESIGN AND CAPTURE CREATIVE ELEMENTS USED FOR DIGITAL & PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION.

COMM CREW

THE COMM CREW EXISTS TO CREATE & DISTRIBUTE CONTENT AND MEDIA TO COMMUNICATE THE VISION & VALUES OF RELEVANT CHURCH TO OUR PHYSICAL & DIGITAL AUDIENCE.

GIVING & TITHING

What is tithing? "Tithe" means "a tenth part."

What is the difference between a tithe and an offering? A "tithe" is giving the first tenth of my income. An "offering" is anything I give in addition to my tithe.

Why should I give? Because God commands it. Because Jesus commended it.

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's." Leviticus 27:30

"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either."

Matthew 23:23

Giving demonstrates that God has first place in my life. "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

Giving reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God. "Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deuteronomy 8:18

Giving expresses my love to the Lord. "Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 16:17

God says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him. "God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings ... Bring your whole tithe to My house.'" Malachi 3:8-10

Giving allows God a chance to prove He exists and wants to bless you.

"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it!" Malachi 3:10

What should I give? The tithe should come from the first part of what I earn.

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income." Proverbs 3:9-10

Where should I give my tithe? The tithe should be given where I worship.

"Bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse (Temple)." Malachi 3:10

When should I give? The tithe should be given weekly.

"On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

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