

Sowing Seeds of Abundance

“The measure you give, will be the measure you get back.”—Jesus, Luke 6:38

There is no fixed formula for assessing generosity, but here are a few questions that may help:

How much do I spend each month on the following?

My Vehicle

Car payment _____
Maintenance/repair + _____
Gasoline + _____
Total = _____

Technology

Cell phone _____
Internet + _____
Cable/Satellite TV + _____
Total = _____

Entertainment

Eating out _____
Music + _____
Movies + _____
Hobbies + _____
Total = _____

How much do I typically spend on vacations annually? Estimate = _____

How much do I typically invest in God’s work each month?

Giving through my church _____
Giving through other charities + _____
Giving directly to hurting people + _____
Total = _____

Is this level of giving consistent with the abundance that I hope will be reflected back into my own life?

Yes No Not sure

If I tithed, how much would I give to God’s work each month? *Tithing means giving 10% of our income. This is an ancient biblical practice that many people of faith have used to grow their generosity.*

Current monthly income _____
Multiplied by 10% x .10 _____
Total = _____

In light of all this, what do I feel would represent authentic generosity for me at this time in my life?

Monthly giving of _____ or weekly giving of _____.

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
II Corinthians 9:6-7*