



LET'S GET PRACTICAL

Legacy of Generosity

Generous with your LIFE

In their video story, Pete and Debbie Ochs shared the acrostic “LIFE” that they use when evaluating their generosity.

L – The **Labor** (work and time) they donate in serving their church, ministries, or individuals.

I – Using their **Influence** to recommend, encourage, and introduce others to the church, ministries, or people.

F – The **Financial Resources** they contribute.

E – The **Expertise** they can provide in assisting their church, ministries, or individuals achieve their purpose and goals.

1. How can you most effectively be generous with your LIFE? When and how will you begin?

My Giving DNA

It is helpful to understand your “Giving DNA,” but many givers don’t recognize their giving values until they compare them to other values. Click those that stand out or add your own.



A. Organization's Phase: In which phase of an organization's life do you prefer to give?

- ☐ Startup
- ☐ Scaling
- ☐ Establish
- ☐ Turnaround

B. Involvement: At this phase of my life, my involvement with ministries I support looks like:

- ☐ I'm busy – just let me write a check
- ☐ Occasionally meet with ministry leadership
- ☐ Occasionally meet ministry constituents
- ☐ Serve consistently with the ministry

C. Strategy: Which best describes your giving strategy?

- ☐ Don't deviate from my giving strategy
- ☐ Have strategy but can be spontaneous
- ☐ Giving determined primarily by friendships/when I'm asked

D. Designated vs undesignated giving: Which best describes your approach?

- ☐ Only give undesignated gifts
- ☐ Usually designate gifts for a project
- ☐ Give designated and undesignated gifts

Where am I in my Generosity Journey?

Just as a prudent investor seeks to establish an investment portfolio on earth, so wise Christians should view their generosity as establishing a giving portfolio in heaven.

The Generosity Grid is intended to help you *evaluate* your current giving. Few will have an evenly distributed giving portfolio. For most of us, our giving is more heavily weighted toward a ministry or need for which we have a particular passion. God may have already given you a love for a leader, cause, or geographical area. Givers often find that these interests blossom over time and lead them toward their God-given calling.



Complete the Generosity Grid, using percentages or amounts of your giving.



2. What did you learn from completing the Generosity Grid?

4. Are there particular parts of the world God has put on your heart?



Where do I want to go in my Generosity Journey?

5. What are your giving goals? (You may choose not to disclose this to your group.)

How much do I want to give this year?

How much do I want to give during my life-time?

What am I most passionate about funding? If I haven't identified my primary passion, what steps will I take to do so?

6. What will you apply next week from what you learned in this chapter?

