



Build a Giving Plan

Many conversations around giving start with the practical. You have an excess that you could give, and now you have to determine where you should give it. There can be much more than just a transaction though, and this is why we encourage donors to build giving plans. When we start with what God's heart is and the passions He gave us, it brings new life to our acts of generosity. We need to run the bases in the right order to unlock all He has for us. Start your giving plan today!

Vision

- Why do I give?
- What are ways I would like to see the world look different?
- What do I want my witness to be?
- How does my story and walk with God influence my passions?
- What are the values that I want to continue to foster?

The best acts of generosity start with God's heart. Take time to consider how He has been prompting your heart and the reasons for those passions.

Giving Style

- Do I want to provide support to few or many organizations?
- Do I want to give regular support? Or as needs arise?
- Do I prefer investment style gifts? Do I thrive off innovation and creativity?
- Do I want to work with others to accomplish a mission?
- Do I prefer time to process and research opportunities on my own?

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. We all have unique calls and personalities, and how you give can reflect this as well. God may stretch you beyond your comfort zone, but it is good to know where you thrive as well.

Standards

- Evaluate how organizations align with your generosity mission and vision.
- Research organizations with tools like Guidestar to review records.
- Develop a list of criteria important to you to filter groups: financial history, how/when they report, articulation of vision, etc.
- How does the organization demonstrate their ability to leverage and maximize your donation?

Financial accountability is not the only component for standards. The purpose for standards is to advance the vision you developed. You are stewarding your vision and resources, so it is wise to invest in causes who do the same.

What will your next step be?

Develop your plan and your eternal impact.

Find tools for your giving plan at www.thesignatry.com.