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## QUESTIONS TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER BEFORE GIVING:

- 1** What difference do I want my financial commitment to Central to make in my heart and life? How do I want my pledge to change me and allow me to more meaningfully invest myself in this vision for our city?
  - 2** How willing am I to pray for God's guidance in how He might want to work through me in this gospel movement at Central? Am I thinking in a way that is easy and effortless or more challenging and requiring more discipline to be selfless in response to this vision?
  - 3** What things can I afford, but am intentionally choosing to live without because I am committing to give sacrificially? Can I order my financial priorities to better reflect the order of my loves?
  - 4** Am I thinking creatively about a comprehensive giving plan that represents what I am capable of giving? What assets and resources could I use as a gift beyond my income?
  - 5** Am I discovering a new joy in giving through this process? As you prayerfully consider your commitment ask yourself: How is it demonstrating an expression of faith?
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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:**

*Every person can meaningfully invest in what God is doing through this movement. While there is no formula for what one might give, below are opportunities and strategies for giving to consider.*

### **Income and Giving**

#### **Income-Stream Giving**

Giving as you receive income – from your regular income, bonuses, and/or through your personal business.

#### **Sacrifice**

Changing your lifestyle/priorities can create additional resources for giving.

#### **Delaying Expenditures**

Postponing anticipated purchases can free resources for giving.

#### **Freedom from Debt**

After a debt is retired, the resources that were applied to that debt are now available for giving.

### **Giving Assets**

If an investment – like stocks, real estate, and other assets – has increased in value since its purchase and has been held for more than one year, then there may be tax advantages to transferring ownership of that asset to the church as a charitable donation. Giving the appreciated asset may eliminate potential capital gains taxes for the donor while still allowing the donor to receive the contribution credit for the current market value of the asset. Because of its tax-exempt status, FBCA can sell the asset and receive full market value less transaction costs.



# DISCOVERING YOUR POTENTIAL FOR GIVING

*This worksheet can help you evaluate what you have available to give.*

## Income and Sacrifice

Estimate your projected income and spending patterns for the next three years, and determine how much could be given and when, once you discern how you could alter your lifestyle.

POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

## Giving Assets

What accumulated assets in your life could be transferred to the DREAM AGAIN Campaign? What assets could be sold so that their value could be permanently invested in this vision?

POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
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I am/ We are stepping up to:  
(check one)

**Extravagant  
Giver**

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KEEP FROM GOD'S RESOURCES?**

*Extravagant givers live out their belief that God owns everything. They keep only what they need while investing the rest in His Kingdom.*

**Tither  
Giver**

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO GIVE FROM GOD'S RESOURCES?**

*Tithers believe God owns everything. They love off 90% and bring back 10% into His Kingdom.*

**Consistent  
Giver**

**WHAT DOES GOD SAY TO DO WITH GOD'S MONEY?**

*Consistent givers have an understanding that God owns every- thing. They give consistently.*

**Emerging  
Giver**

**WHAT DO I DO WITH GOD'S MONEY?**

*Emerging givers are beginning to understand the concept of biblical stewardship. They haven't yet developed a regular pattern of giving and don't yet give.*

**Potential  
Giver**

**WHAT DO I DO WITH MY MONEY?**

*Potential givers are moving in practice from owners to stewards. They have taken the first step of faith and invested something financially in god's Church and His Kingdom*

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## I AM NEW TO DREAM AGAIN

I would like to commit to Dream Again in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO DREAM AGAIN

My current commitment is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

At the mid-point of Dream Again, I would like to:

Confirm my commitment to finish strong

Increase my total commitment to: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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