

WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH

SANCTUARY

of SCRIPTURE

THE WALK WAY

COMMITMENT GUIDE



GREAT CHALLENGES MUST BE MET WITH GREAT DETERMINATION



Hello, church!

World Outreach Church was birthed out of a desire to help people experience God's redemptive power, and for more than forty years, we have continued to pursue that objective. Our current season is unique, with an undeniable urgency for the Church of Jesus Christ to boldly step forward.

Throughout our church history, each season of expansion has been fueled by the sacrifices of God's people—and each time God has consistently responded with unexpected blessings. Together, we have witnessed the faithfulness of God.

This commitment guide is designed to help you prayerfully consider ways to participate in the Sanctuary of Scripture: The Walk Way initiative. God is once again directing us toward a response to meet the opportunities of a unique season. We cannot afford to remain silent. Our commitment to children, the Church, and the nations is more important than ever.

While we will each choose our own path of investing in the journey, the result is a unified response to see the name of Jesus exalted in our community and throughout the earth.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrifice!

God is moving, and we want to join Him.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Allen Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Allen" and the last name "Jackson" clearly distinguishable.

Allen Jackson
Senior Pastor

This commitment guide is intended to help you work through the commitment phase of your spiritual decision-making process. It is simply a tool to help you Deliberate, Discover, Discuss, Define, and Decide God’s will for you in this process.

Deliberate with God

Prayerfully seek God’s leadership. What difference do I want my commitment to make in my heart and life? How will my commitment change me and allow me to more fully invest in the mission and ministry of World Outreach Church?

Discover God’s Will for You

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. — 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT®)

What attitude is God teaching me to have toward giving?
What response is God calling me toward by giving sacrificially?

Discuss What You are Learning with Others

Include your family in the discovery and decision-making process. Talk with and learn from the experience and example of others. What do I want those conversations to look like?



Define a Sense of Sacrifice in Your Life

Am I willing to sacrificially invest something of value today in order to gain something of greater value tomorrow? What do I want my legacy for God to be?

What things can I afford that I would love to have—but am intentionally choosing to live without—because I am committing to give sacrificially?

Determine Your Potential for Giving

Am I thinking creatively about a comprehensive giving plan that represents what I am truly capable of giving? What assets and resources could I use as a gift beyond simple income?

Decide on a Personal Giving Plan

There are multiple methods for giving in a capital stewardship program. Capital giving might include any combination of weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, one-time, and/or asset transfer gifts. Put together your own personal giving plan for the next three years to help you follow through with your commitment.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

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.

Income-Producing Assets

Interest earned, income from rental properties, or monies from other income-producing assets can be given.



Giving Assets

Giving Appreciated Assets

Consider transferring appreciated assets (stocks, real estate, etc.) as a way to increase giving.

Sale of Assets

Money resulting from the sale of personal assets, or from personally-owned business assets, could be given.

Savings & Investments

You may be able to give some portion of accumulated assets without significantly affecting your future security. The “returns” from investing in ministry may be more significant to you than simply accumulating more market returns.



DISCOVERING YOUR POTENTIAL FOR GIVING

The chart below shows examples of giving at different intervals and the corresponding total contribution amount at the end of your commitment. Numbers are approximate.

| Weekly | Monthly | Annually | In 3 Years |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>156 Weeks</i> | <i>36 Months</i> | <i>3 Years</i> | <i>3-Year Total</i> |
| \$32,052 | \$138,889 | \$1,666,667 | 5,000,000 |
| 16,026 | 69,445 | 833,334 | 2,500,000 |
| 8,013 | 34,723 | 416,667 | 1,250,000 |
| 6,400 | 27,778 | 333,334 | 1,000,000 |
| 4,808 | 20,833 | 250,000 | 750,000 |
| 3,847 | 16,667 | 200,000 | 600,000 |
| 3,206 | 13,889 | 166,667 | 500,000 |
| 2,000 | 8,667 | 104,000 | 312,000 |
| 1,500 | 6,500 | 78,000 | 234,000 |
| 1,000 | 4,334 | 52,000 | 156,000 |
| 642 | 2,778 | 33,334 | 100,000 |
| 500 | 2,167 | 26,000 | 78,000 |
| 397 | 1,725 | 20,666 | 62,000 |
| 321 | 1,389 | 16,667 | 50,000 |
| 160 | 700 | 8,300 | 25,000 |
| 64 | 280 | 3,300 | 10,000 |
| 51 | 222 | 2,650 | 8,000 |
| 32 | 140 | 1,650 | 5,000 |
| 19 | 83 | 1,000 | 3,000 |

Use this worksheet to evaluate what you have available to give.

| Income & Sacrifice Analyze your projected income and spending patterns for the next three years, and determine how much could be given and when. Alter your lifestyle in order to give what you save or don't spend. | Possibilities | Amount |
|--|---------------|--------|
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| Giving Assets What accumulated assets in your life could be transferred to the church? What assets could be sold so their value could be permanently invested in ministry? | Possibilities | Amount |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| Time & Talent Determine what you could do to earn extra resources that could be given during this period. | Possibilities | Amount |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| Resulting Three-Year Potential Commitment | | \$ |

GIVING APPRECIATED ASSETS

If an investment — like stocks or real estate — 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 eliminates 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, the church can sell the asset and receive full market value, less transaction costs.

What if I sell first, then give the cash? You may have to pay capital gains taxes, which will reduce the after-tax proceeds from the sale.

| | Sell First | Give Asset |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Market Value | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Original Cost | -10,000 | -10,000 |
| Appreciated Gain | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Tax (assuming 20%) | 2,000 | 0 |
| After Tax Value of Gift to the Church | 18,000 | 20,000 |
| Contribution Credit to Donor | 18,000 | 20,000 |

Note: Tax positions and tax law can be complicated and can change with new laws. Any discussion of tax treatment is not intended, and should not be considered, as tax advice. Consult your personal tax professional for advice on your tax position. Please check with WOC’s business office for instructions and arrangements for the transfer of all forms of gifts other than cash.

Honor God with everything you own; give Him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.
— Proverbs 3:9-10 (MSG®)



GIVING CHART

As you pray and discern how God may be asking you to sacrificially give to advance His vision for our church, let this community giving chart be another discipleship tool for you. It shows how our gifts of different amounts from across the congregation all contribute to reaching the overall goal of \$30,000,000. Allow it to be something that challenges and inspires you toward greater generosity for Christ’s Kingdom as we all make our moves to reach our community.

| # of Gifts at Level | Gift Level | Total of Level | Cumulative Total |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| 2 | 3,000,000 | 6,000,000 | 11,000,000 |
| 3 | 1,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 14,000,000 |
| 4 | 500,000 | 2,000,000 | 16,000,000 |

10 Potential Commitments = \$16,000,000 or 53% of Goal

| # of Gifts at Level | Gift Level | Total of Level | Cumulative Total |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| 10 | 100,000 | 1,000,000 | 17,000,000 |
| 25 | 75,000 | 1,875,000 | 18,875,000 |
| 50 | 50,000 | 2,500,000 | 21,375,000 |
| 60 | 30,000 | 1,800,000 | 23,175,000 |
| 70 | 20,000 | 1,400,000 | 24,575,000 |
| 80 | 10,000 | 800,000 | 25,375,000 |

295 Potential Commitments = \$9,375,000 or 31.3% of Goal

305 Potential Commitments = \$25,375,000 or 84.6% of Goal

| # of Gifts at Level | Gift Level | Total of Level | Cumulative Total |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 100 | 9,000 | 900,000 | 26,275,000 |
| 120 | 8,000 | 960,000 | 27,235,000 |
| 150 | 6,000 | 900,000 | 28,135,000 |
| 200 | 5,000 | 1,000,000 | 29,135,000 |
| 220 | 3,000 | 660,000 | 29,795,000 |
| Rest | 1,000 or less | 205,000 | 30,000,000 |

Remaining Potential Commitments =
790 \$4,625,000 or 15.4% of Goal

Total Potential Commitments =
1,095 \$30,000,000 or 100% of Goal



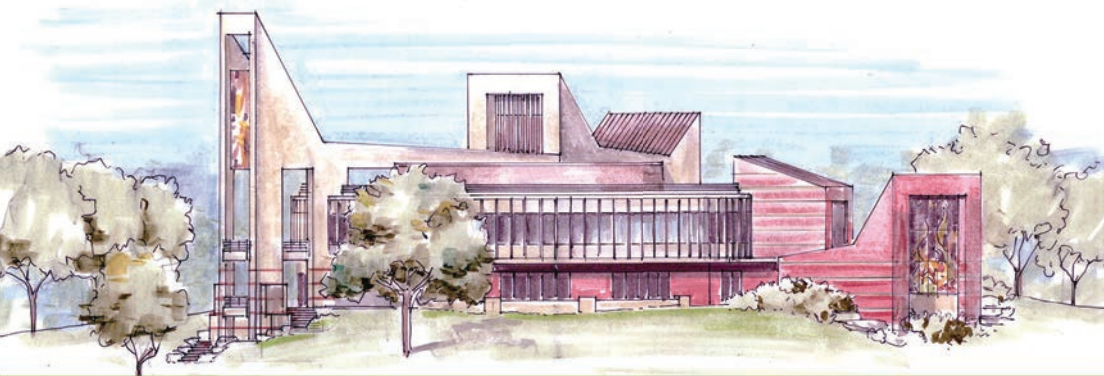
“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV®)



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