



GIVING STRATEGY™

Causes & passions

Discovery exercises to help you identify
where God is calling you to give





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With generosity as a guiding principle of your faith, there are many ways that passion can be expressed through giving. The following exercises will help you identify the causes and issues that bring you joy, challenge your heart, or compel you to invest. Let's clarify your reasons for giving and define the specific charities and ministries that God is calling you to support.

Quiet reflections

Reflect on each aspirational statement below.

My giving is aligned with my passions.

I have found the right charities and ministries to support.

When I am asked to give, I know when to say "yes" and when to say "no."

I am actively joining God in his plans for the world.

My giving is aligned with what God is passionate about.

I give my time and talent to causes I care about.

My heart is very connected to the causes I support.

I can see how my personal journey has equipped me to respond to needs in the world.

My giving pushes me outside my comfort zone.

As you think about where you give, what do you feel most confident about?

What feels challenging or unfamiliar?



Causes

Look through the list of causes below, and follow each of these four prompts.

1. Draw a 💰 next to any cause(s) you have supported financially.
2. Draw a ★ next to any cause(s) you have supported with time, skills, or influence.
3. Draw a ✔ next to any cause(s) God may be calling or equipping you to support.
4. Draw a ❤ next to the causes you feel most passionate about.

Addiction	Food supply	Military support
Adoption & foster care	Giving & generosity	Museums
Animal protection & welfare	History	Orphan care
Apologetics	Homelessness	Pastoral care
Arts & humanities	Housing	Police & fire department
Bible translation	Human rights	Prayer
Children's & youth ministry	Human trafficking	Prison ministry
Christian persecution	Humanitarian aid & development	Public policy
Church	Jobs & workplace	Retreat centers & camps
Church planting	Leadership development	Refugee support
Civil rights	Legal services	Right to life
Colleges & universities	Marketplace ministry	Single parents & widows
Community development	Marriage	Slavery
Developmental disabilities	Media & publishing	Social justice
Disaster relief	Medical care	Spiritual development
Domestic violence	Medical research	Sports & recreation
Education	Men's ministry	Student ministry
Environment	Mental health	Water quality & supply
Evangelism & missions	Microfinance	Women's ministry
Family		

For a definition of each cause above, visit ncfgiving.com/causes.

What does this tell you about where you want to allocate your resources in the future?

Big dreams

Giving is an opportunity to join God in his big dreams for the world. In the left column below, make a list of up to four causes you want to support with your giving. What dreams has God placed on your heart for each of these causes?

Write a statement that describes your dream for each cause in the middle column. What charities or ministries have a mission that aligns with your dream statement for each cause? Record those in the column on the right.

CAUSES	BIG DREAMS	CHARITIES

Review your full list and circle the charities you would like to give to in the next 6-12 months.



Discover your Giving Strategy

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