

Contemplating Stewardship: Give until it hurts?

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The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

When I was doing my pastoral internship, I had a conversation with the biggest financial giver from the congregation to talk about financial stewardship. I asked if he gives until it hurts. He said, "I used to give until it hurts, now I give more. I give until it feels good."

If you average 50 people in worship every week. If each person gives \$3 more, that would increase your annual budget \$7800.

If you average 100 people in worship every week. If each person gives \$3 more, that would increase your annual budget \$15,600.

If you average 200 people in worship every week. If each person gives \$3 more, that would increase your annual budget \$31,200.

May we give bountifully, not reluctantly or under compulsion, may we give until it feels good!

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