

# A Personal, 100%, Whole-Hearted Response To God's Abundant Generosity

I, ..... acknowledge that God who made me and loves me has blessed me with time, abilities, spiritual gifts, possessions, income and new life in Christ; and that God calls me to respond to this abundant generosity by being a faithful and generous steward of all he has given me.

List your time, abilities and gifts:

List your major assets and possessions:

List your income and investments:

**Dear God, Thank you for blessing me. I wholeheartedly surrender and dedicate to you, all that I am and all that I have, to be available to you for the work of your kingdom.**

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....

(This form is for your spiritual discernment only – don't return it to East Taieri Church).

## **Getting Specific: What is God Calling You To Give?**

- Where and how you are serving.
- How much you are regularly giving to resource God's mission.
- Whether there is a special gift God is calling you to give.
- Leaving a bequest in your will.

I offer the following discernment guide to help us respond to **God's abundant generosity**. Becoming and growing as a disciple of Jesus means dedicating all we are and all we have to Jesus as our Lord. It means wholehearted commitment to Christ's mission in the world. You might work through this on your own, with your spouse, or with your family to help your children understand about **responding** to God's generosity.

I pray that this would be a truly spiritual process in which you deepen your commitment to Christ and his mission. I pray that your joy, excitement and **sense of purpose in life** will increase. Seeking God in this way on an annual basis can help us all become grateful, **joy-filled givers** of our time, abilities, spiritual gifts and money.

(Refer back to the last study of the Abundant Generosity series on 2 Cor 8 and 9 – available from our website or the church office)

CT Studd, the English founder of the World Evangelisation Crusade (WEC) once said, "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice of mine can be too great for me to make for him." I offer this in an attitude of service, sacrifice and stretching faith.

Martin Macaulay.

## Vision for the Future

Spend time in prayer with God reading and reviewing our church's vision, and your own personal sense of call and vision from God.



***We will be a thriving church, responding to God's grace and passionately living out our faith, wherever we live, work and play  
Together we will work alongside others to develop thriving communities, where people feel connected, known, loved and valued.***

How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you – through promptings, words, pictures, Bible verses, feelings, burdens, circumstances and wise counsel of other people?

Is there a particular part of the vision that the Holy Spirit has prompted you about getting more deeply involved in? How does it match your gifts, abilities and passion?

What is your personal vision for your family, work or neighbourhood?

Read Matthew 25:14-30 the parable of the talents. Consider the gifts, abilities, and resources God has given you. How might they be used to see vision become reality?