

Church Generosity Online Course Session 4

Step 1 - TRAIN

Watch the <u>Session 4 video</u>. Decide when would be a good time for the church families to begin going through the <u>Generous Life devotional</u>. Decide who will work on <u>placing an order</u> for the devotionals and preparing the <u>letter</u> and/or email to send with the devotional.

Generous Life Devotional

A church-wide generosity devotional brings value to the families in your church:

- Bible-focused
- Family-friendly and group-friendly
- Multiple versions available (e.g., print, PDF and email)
- Easy to distribute or mail
- Companion resources and smart investment

Step 2 - DISCUSS & PLAN

Discuss when would be a good time for the Bless Your Pastor initiative at your church. If it will be completed at a different time than the Generous Life devotional, decide who will prepare the <u>letter</u> and/or email from your church leaders.

Bless Your Pastor Brochure and Appreciation Offering

"Bless Your Pastor" will not only bless your pastor, but the entire church:

- The <u>brochure</u> has over 50 creative ways people can bless their pastor year-round.
- Galatians 6:6 says, "Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them." NLT
- 1 Corinthians 9:14 says, "...those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it." NLT
- The Bless Your Pastor appreciation offering, brochure and letter should be reviewed and organized by your church board or lay leaders.

Step 2 - After the Meeting

Everyone should continue researching their assigned <u>Best Practices resources</u>. Plan to bring a report at the next meeting.

NAEfinancialhealth.org 37 Best Practices & 172 Resources for PASTORS/LEADERS on **CHURCH GENEROSITY WORSHIP SERVICES** Financial/Generosity preaching (10) Weekly generosity verse (5) Leader's generosity prayer (8) Songs on giving/generosity/serving (2) Testimony or teaching videos (5) Digital giving available (6) Giving envelopes available (2) Finance/generosity guest speaker (2) **TEACHING MATERIALS** Financial courses/classes/groups (10) 30/40 Day generosity devotionals (3) Videos on website or eNewsletters (3) Flyers, cartoons, bulletin inserts (5) Legacy/wills/trust initiatives (4) **DONATION ADMINISTRATION** Online/EFT giving (9) Digital giving text, phone APP (9) Donated assets gifts-in-kind info (3) 17 Giving statements sent out (3) Giving statements add'l materials (10) Communicate w/new givers, etc. (1) "As God Provides" projects (2) 21 Treasurer's giving report #'s report (1) Policies document (3) Training for pastor, staff, leaders (10) ASSISTANCE/GUIDANCE Church family benevolence (2) Community benevolence (2) Budget/debt coaches/counselors (6) Unemployed/underemployed help (2) Financial professional referrals (2) Ministry to giving leaders (5) **COLLECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS** Annual stewardship emphasis (3) Pastor/s appreciation offering (8) Benevolence offerings (2) Missions offerings (4) Building or renovation projects (9) Year-End giving emphasis (4) "As God Provides" projects (2) Community Outreach (3)