

WHAT IS THE 'GIVING & SERVING' STEP?

God blesses and entrusts each person with gifts, talents and resources. This stage of your child's life is the perfect time to start to teach them how to practically outwork their faith by discovering what gifts or talents God has given them.



RESOURCES

- *Unwrapping the Servant: Teaching Kids to Serve Jesus and Others*
by Tina Houser
- *Discover Your Kid's Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire*
by Adam Stadtmiller



THE COMMITMENT OF THE PARENT

GIVING:

Teaching your child, the value of giving and generosity at an early age, will set them up for prosperity throughout the rest of their lives.

Bringing the tithe and giving offerings are key biblical principles that we teach in our church. We believe everything belongs to God and he gives us resource to steward it for His Kingdom purposes. It also gives us the opportunity to participate in something bigger than ourselves.

This step is about teaching your child to be a good steward of what God has given them. As a parent, here are two ways you can commit to this:

1. Model It - Start by putting into practice the values and disciplines you want your children to learn. Let your child see that you give. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 it says, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

2. Teach It - If your child receives money from an allowance, chores, or as a gift, take time to teach them how to divide money wisely. A great place to start is to set aside the tithe as discussed previously.

SERVING:

In addition to financial resources, God has also entrusted us with gifts and talents. Help your child discover their unique gifts and explore how they might use those gifts to glorify Him. Use an Assessing Your Child's Spiritual Gifts test to get started and then find ways to experience serving together. A few suggestions:

- **Shared Passion** - Spend some time talking with your child about the things that interest and concern them. It will be more meaningful if they share a passion for a specific area of service.
- **Good Fit** - Help your child find areas in which they can serve. It may be baking for a neighbour, helping friends with homework or meeting a need on a regular basis.
- **Set Expectations** - Explain what they want to get out of it and what they should expect from it.
- **Encourage** - Encourage them on what they are doing well and opportunities to try things differently (if needed).
- **Talk About It** - Ask questions and keep communication clear with your child.
- **Pray** - Acknowledge the importance of having God central to all things we do.



THE COMMITMENT OF THE CHURCH

The church is committed to modelling and seeing your child have opportunity to outwork all that they have been purposed for. In our weekly services, there is opportunity for your child to be involved in serving.

Chat to your local Calvary Kids Director to explore some options for your child to be involved.