

The Ten Principles of Transformational Giving

At the heart of Mission Increase's work with Christian nonprofits is a biblical view of giving summarized in our "Ten Principles of Transformational Giving." These Principles guide nonprofits toward a genuine understanding of fundraising as the building of a community and away from simply asking for money to support their work. Transformational Giving always begins with the acknowledgement of Jesus' words found in Acts 20:35 (NIV), "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The community that is then created between nonprofits and their champions, whom God uses to advance the Gospel, begins with love for others, faith in God's provision, and a willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Transformational Giving begins as a response to God's grace and results in an "overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12 (NIV)

PRINCIPLE 1: Transformational Giving is based on the abundance and trustworthiness of God, not a theology of scarcity.

PRINCIPLE 2: Every act of giving is first and foremost a statement about the faithfulness of God.

PRINCIPLE 3: God invites people to be part of his work because of his desire to see them grow in him.

PRINCIPLE 4: Giving time, talent, treasure, and testimony is a result of champions being comprehensively coached in the cause.

PRINCIPLE 5: Ministry leaders have a dual calling to steward the mission and grow the people God brings.

PRINCIPLE 6: The liberating nature of generosity means inviting champions to give is a sacred task that grows God's kingdom.

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PRINCIPLE 7: Ministry leaders coach champions according to the degree of their personal ownership in the cause.

PRINCIPLE 8: Champions connect with organizations primarily to enhance their mutual impact on the cause.

PRINCIPLE 9: The relationship between champion and champion is as important as the relationship between champion and organization.

PRINCIPLE 10: Champions are called to be a primary means of advancing the cause.

While the TG Ten were influenced by the whole of Scripture, these verses are the primary passages where we find the foundation for Transformational Giving:

Exodus 16; 35-36:7

2 Kings 4:1-7

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Micah 6:8

Matthew 6:19-34; 13:1-23; 19:16-30; 25:14-30

Mark 6:30-44; 10:17-30

Luke 12, 21

John 10:10

Acts 20:35

Romans 8:32; 12

2 Cor 8&9

Ephesians 2; 4:11-16

Philippians 4:10-20

1 Timothy 6:6-21

2 Timothy 2:2

Hebrews 10:24
