

Local Church Budget



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

A story is told of two glasses filled with water from a large container. The water of one glass is used for a sip of water here, watering a pot of plants there, topping up the fish bowl, etc. This glass is emptied each time in these life-giving

ways and has its water replenished each time so it can keep on giving. The water in the other glass remains unused. It collects dust, insects and becomes stale and useless. It can never receive fresh water because it has never given any away. The moral of this story is that the more we give away, the more capacity we create for receiving and being useful.

We were created in the generous image of our Creator God. Designed not just to consume the world that we live in but also to be stewards and caretakers of what we've been given. Part of this responsibility is caring for those around us and giving generously so that others may get to experience the saving love of Jesus.

Each time we give we are creating an opportunity for God to fill us once more with His generosity. Just like the glass of water, the more we give away, the more capacity we have to give.

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Our offering this morning contributes to our local church ministry expenses.

Prayer

Dear God, remind us today that our receiving capacity is directly linked to our giving capacity. Amen.