

Generosity Challenge

Try a financial fast, an intentional declaration of freedom from money (excess spending) and acknowledgement of dependence on God.

- **Acknowledge that all your money comes from God.** Thank God for what He has provided for you or enabled you to earn, and learn to be content with what you have. Resist the temptation to complain about what you can't buy during the financial fast. *Instead, be thankful for all you do have.*
- **Identify necessities and luxuries.** Focus your spending on necessities—your house payment, life insurance, food, etc. If you can go without it (be honest with yourself—eating out, iTunes, going to the movies, etc.), list it as a luxury and do your best to go without it during your financial fast.
- **Reflect on biblical principles.** Study the Scriptures to understand what God has promised about how He will provide for His children. Immerse yourself in bible verses related to finances. (See attached list.)
- **Pray for the strength to avoid temptation.** Satan will try to tempt you financially, such as by drawing you into materialism or distracting your resources away from where God wants you to invest them. Ask God to give you the strength you need to always follow where He leads.