

“One Sacrifice!”

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What Is The Purpose Of Imagine One?

***“To See What God Can Do Through Us
If We Simply Take ONE MORE STEP!”***

Ephesians 3:1, *For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you...²⁰Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Question 1: What If Everyone In The Church WAS JUST LIKE ME?

Colossians 1:24, *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church...*

Question 2: WHAT Is My Share?

Malachi 3:8, *Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*

Two Primary Types Of Giving:

Giving Type #1: INTERVENTION GIVING

This type of giving is also called emotional giving. We hear a moving story or respond to a real need and we intervene with a gift. Intervention Giving is easy to measure and it makes us feel good because we meet an immediate need. Most people are Intervention Givers!

Giving Type #2: PREVENTION GIVING

This type of giving is planned—it's tithing! Nothing happens without planned giving, but it's hard to measure and it doesn't give us that Intervention Giving feeling. However, without Prevention Giving we don't have a church to come to, children's ministry, youth ministry, adult ministry, care ministry, missions, staff, other campuses, etc...those are all the result of Prevention Giving. Few people are Prevention Givers!

- **PREVENTION Beats INTERVENTION Every Time!**

Question 3: Why Do MY SHARE?

Hebrews 12:1, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

- **There Is A Painful Side To SACRIFICE, But The Payoff Is Much Greater In The LONG-RUN!**

Next Steps: Read and re-read the “Imagine One” brochure and make your commitment on the back page. Your signed “Imagine One” commitment is between you and God.