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and resources.

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The Great Commission to proclaim the gospel and make disciples in all the world finds its model in the ministry of Jesus, who approached two brothers and said, "Come, follow me." In these few words the model for witnessing and invitation began. Prayerfully consider your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family who yearn for a life of meaning and purpose, and find a caring community that will support them in their life journey.

Evangelism is the practice of genuine hospitality, friendliness, and inclusiveness lived out in your congregation as you encourage people to respond to the invitation to become disciples of Jesus Christ. The challenge, "Each one, reach one," calls you to tell your story of finding "living water" through Jesus Christ. If we *each* respond to the Great Commission to make disciples of all people, our testimonies will multiply, our congregations will grow, and many lives will be transformed by Christ's Spirit.

*"Open your hearts and feel the yearnings of your brothers and sisters who are lonely, despised, fearful, neglected, unloved. Reach out in understanding, clasp their hands, and invite all to share in the blessings of community created in the name of the One who suffered on behalf of all." --Doctrine and Covenants 161:3a*

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Honor God's call to tithe.



*"Stewardship is the response of my people to the ministry of my Son..." --Doctrine and Covenants 147:5a*

Over many years church leaders and members have been exploring God's scriptural encouragement to view stewardship of temporalities in light of God's grace and love demonstrated in the life of Jesus Christ. In 1980, Section 154 of the Doctrine and Covenants revealed: "The Presiding Bishop and his counselors are encouraged to continue to seek ways of effecting a greater understanding of the meaning of the stewardship of temporalities as a response to my grace and love so that the understanding of the principle may stir the hearts of the people as never before. Redefinition of terms within the basic law of temporalities, for clarification and to meet the needs of a growing church, is in harmony with my will."

In Doctrine and Covenants Sections 147, 154, and 161, we find these common themes

related to our understanding of the stewardship of temporalities:

- As response to God's grace and love
- Evaluation and further interpretation of principles
- To meet the needs of a growing church
- To provide more fully and joyfully for the great work

Tithing is deeply rooted in our scriptures and affirms God's generous gifts of grace and love. The spirit of generosity is not about formulas but about thankfulness. Therefore a disciple's generous response asks, "How much tithing can I hope to give?" rather than, "How much should I give?"

The needs of our growing church and the call to discipleship now call for a clarification and redefinition of our concept of tithing. The Presiding Bishopric's guidance to the church will be to include contributions to local congregational ministries, World Church ministries, church-affiliated organizations, and other charitable nonprofit organizations as our tithing response.

Implementation of "Tithing: A Disciple's Generous Response" will occur in January 2003. The Presiding Bishopric will be providing more specific information, including guidance regarding tithing, savings, and responsible spending, to the membership through pastors, leaders, and World Church ministers.

*"...be generous and willing to share." --1 Timothy 6:18 NIV*