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Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

personal engagement planner

Committing ourselves to Christ and

one another, we want to start our new year together at Fellowship Church thinking about this question: what will each of us do with the gift of 2010? The Bible tells us that it is God who numbers our days and gives us the years of our lives. So it is only fitting that we treat each new year as a sacred trust, carefully considering how we will use it to fulfill the mission He has given us . . . to glorify God by pursuing the Christlife and engaging the world.

This is not only our church mission statement, it is a personal mission statement for each one of us who calls Fellowship our home. Every new year is a precious resource given to us by God to fulfill His kingdom mission. That is why it is imperative that we spend time here at the beginning of 2010 thinking strategically about how we will use this year to claim more ground from the enemy for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible specifically challenges each of us to give careful thought to how we live our lives (Haggai 1:7). That is why we created this Engagement Planner and we are asking every adult in our church to carefully and prayerfully complete it this month. It is a tool to help each of us “give thought to our ways” at the beginning of 2010 and answer this one crucial question: “What will I do with the gift of 2010?” Or to rephrase it in familiar Fellowship language: How will I use 2010 to engage the life of worshipping, growing, serving, and investing that He is calling me to?”

The leadership of our church believes that this is our church’s Season to Engage more deeply in each of these four areas: Worship, Grow, Serve, and Invest. That’s why we have organized this Engagement Planner in four sections – to help you carefully inventory how you are presently engaging and plan where and how you will deepen your engagement in each area this year – in all the ways God is calling you to do so.

We want you to join us in doing this for one important reason – so we can all grow stronger and more effective as a church at accomplishing our mission: to glorify God by pursuing the Christlife and engaging the world. We know this doesn’t happen by accident, but only by deliberately “giving thought to our ways.”

What about you? What will you do with the gift of 2010? Will you join us in setting aside a few hours this month to complete your own personal engagement plan for this year? Will you do this to advance Christ’s work in your own life and the lives around you? I invite you to join me in making 2010 a life-changing year for all of us.

On the Journey Together,

Rick Dunn
Lead Pastor
Fellowship Church

The Personal Engagement Planner is organized around our church's four engagement priorities: Worship, Grow, Serve, and Invest. It is designed to help you do two things:

1. Reflectively evaluate how you are presently engaging in each area.
2. Develop your own personal growth goal and action plan to deepen your engagement in each area for 2010.

At the back of the planner, a resource section is included listing the opportunities and assistance our church offers or recommends for deepening your engagement in Worship, Grow, Serve, and Invest. Any of these can be incorporated in your own engagement plans if you desire.

To Begin

Start by reading through the whole planner once to familiarize yourself with its scope and format.

Next, set aside at least 30 minutes each day for a week to slowly work through each section of the planner. Don't rush it. Take time to read each section carefully, meditate on the Bible passages listed, and pray for God to speak to you.

We recommend that you do one section at a time in this order: Worship, Grow, Serve, and Invest. Study the ESSENTIALS in each section. Complete your PERSONAL INVENTORY and then construct your PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT PLAN. The more honest you are as you complete it, the more beneficial it will be. This is between you and God.

We encourage you to be realistic and not "over" plan for the year. Great growth can come for you this year from planning and taking just a few strategic steps to deepen your engagement.

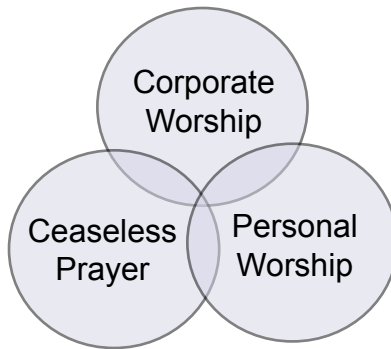
Try not to do your planning in isolation. Bring a spiritual friend or your small group into your planning. Show them how you are evaluating yourself in these areas, and invite them to give you feedback. Ask them to also give you input into your Engagement Plans. Invite them to keep checking in with you over this year to hold you accountable to the action steps you include in your plan. Keep it in a prominent place so you can use it as a tool all year long.

Keep in Mind

The Bible teaches us that "apart from Christ we can do nothing" (John 15:5). Whenever we attempt to do or be anything for Christ, we can only do it with the power and wisdom His Spirit provides. As you seek to use 2010 to deepen your engagement in the priorities of Christ, don't try to do it in on your own. Lean on Him all the way.

The Essentials for Worship

The first priority of the Christian life is WORSHIP. Christ calls us to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:29–30). He said this was the greatest of all of God’s commands. Jesus knew full well that every other aspect of our lives should flow from this one thing – glorifying God with every part of our being. But sadly, we live in a day and age that offers many competing affections. In order to keep the main thing the main thing, we ask you to begin your 2010 Personal Engagement Planning with careful consideration of how you can grow in your obedience to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. This is central and foundational to everything you do this year. To accomplish this we encourage you to reflect upon the three essential components of the life of WORSHIP God created us to experience.



Corporate Worship is how the Body of Christ most fittingly loves God. Since we are the Body of Christ, being united in the worship of God on the first day of each week holds substantial value to both God and us. When we forgo this way of gathering, we exclude ourselves from the most vital way of being in His presence and cherishing His life and existence (Hebrews 10:25; Colossians 3:15–17).

Personal Worship engages our hearts into more private and unstructured times in which we intimately call upon the name of the Lord and seek His face. Cultivation of this personal discipline of the spiritual life in Christ not only prepares us for times of corporate worship, but it also brings vigor and vitality to our lives as our attentions fall away from ourselves and are redirected to our Creator (Romans 12:1).

Ceaseless Prayer is our response to the biblical command to pray without ceasing. It draws us into this seemingly impossible task given a world of constant distractions and demands on our time and attention. Nonetheless, God never calls us to do anything that cannot be done through His Spirit. Therefore a life that is continually growing in the rhythms of conversation with the Most High God is not to be considered an extraordinary Christian life, but merely the ordinary Christian life – and one available to all of us (1 Thessalonians 5:16–17).

My Personal WORSHIP Inventory

Complete your Personal WORSHIP Inventory by honestly and prayerfully choosing the statements below that best characterize you at this time.

1. How well do I enter times of corporate worship with my heart ready and prepared to fully engage God?

Authentically worshipping God in our corporate worship services on Sunday mornings requires coming with a heart that is prepared and expectant to engage Him with every part of our being, our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:29–30; Colossians 3:16–17).

I have trouble most Sunday mornings just wanting to get up & come	Most Sundays I get there but have trouble engaging my heart	Sometimes I struggle and sometimes I am able to really engage my heart in worship	I am growing in my capacity to fully engage my heart on Sundays	Most Sundays I can't imagine being more present & engaged with God
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2. How well am I engaging in personal worship outside of church times?

A close look at the Bible (Matthew 6:5–8) reveals that our worship of God must exist in private if it is to also exist in public. God has created us to worship Him in spirit and in truth every day and in every place (John 4:19–25).

I never engage God in worship on my own	I try but have trouble focusing on Him for very long when I'm alone	Sometimes I do find myself setting aside time just to worship Him on my own	More & more I am making personal worship a part of my day	My personal worship times are the most important part of my day
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3. How well am I engaging in a life of ceaseless prayer?

The Bible calls us to a life of “ceaseless prayer” (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–17). This involves carving out personal times through the day for conversation with God as well seeking out times of prayer with others in the body of Christ. All of these times are meant to lead us to deeper awareness of and dependence on Christ in all areas of our lives.

I have difficulty talking to God	I only pray after I've tried everything else first	Sometimes I struggle alone and sometimes I engage in prayer	I pray frequently and desire to grow further	I enjoy the gift of a continual conversation with God
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Before proceeding with your WORSHIP Plan for 2010 discuss your inventory above with a spiritual friend or your small group and incorporate any new insights you gain from them into your WORSHIP Inventory.

My Personal WORSHIP Plan for 2010

To construct your Personal WORSHIP Plan for 2010, please complete each part below honestly and prayerfully.

Part One: Based on your Personal WORSHIP Inventory, record below what you believe is the most important way God is calling you to mature this year in the way you WORSHIP:

I believe the most important way God is calling me to mature in the way I WORSHIP this year is . . .

Sample: "I believe the most important way God is calling me to mature in the way I WORSHIP this year is by spending some time before worship on Sunday mornings preparing my heart to fully engage God."

Part Two: Convert what you recorded in Part One above into your own personal WORSHIP growth goal for 2010:

My WORSHIP goal this year is to . . .

Sample WORSHIP goal: "My WORSHIP goal this year is to learn how to bring my whole heart into my worship of God on Sunday mornings."

Part Three: Construct for yourself one to three Action Steps designed to help you pursue your WORSHIP goal for this year: (As you do, please be sure to consult our church's WORSHIP resources listed in the back of this planner in case you want to include any of them into your action steps.)

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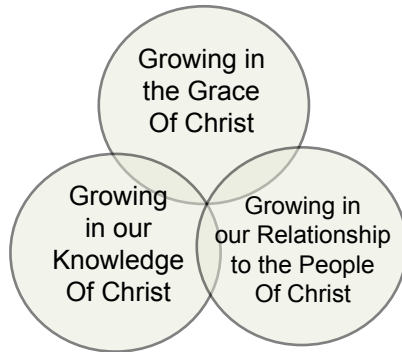
Action Step Three:

Sample Action Steps: (1) Arrive at church 15 minutes early on Sunday mornings in order to fully prepare my heart; (2) Chat over coffee with at least three believers who are farther along than me in knowing what it means to worship God with a whole heart; (3) Study in-depth at least one biblically-based book on whole-hearted worship of God.

Once again be sure to receive input into your Personal WORSHIP Plan from a spiritual friend or your small group before finalizing it.

The Essentials for Spiritual Growth

God uses many things to mature us in Christ. The Bible calls us to engage ourselves wholly in those things the Spirit uses to GROW us in the Christlife (1 Timothy 4:15–16), especially those that are most essential: the grace of Christ, the knowledge of Christ, and the people of Christ. The ways we engage with each of these serve as a barometer of how engaged we are in our own spiritual growth. We encourage you to use the following to complete your own Personal Grow Inventory and Plan for 2010.



Growing in the Grace of Christ is central to our pursuit of the Christlife. The Bible exhorts us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). This requires us to immerse our mind and heart in the reality of God’s grace, find our identity in the grace God has bestowed upon us in Christ, and seek after the life of grace that is the privilege of every believer (1 Corinthians 2:16; Romans 12:2). The Bible also calls us to continually grow in the way we display and offer God’s grace to others (Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:32).

Growing in Our Knowledge of Christ gives us the foundation we need for understanding and serving God in every area of our lives (2 Peter 1:2–9). This requires personally studying, knowing, and obeying what God teaches us about himself and his purposes in the Bible (Hebrews 5:11–14). It also involves sitting under and learning from the example and biblical teaching of other mature followers of Christ (Hebrews 13:7; 2 Timothy 3:10–16).

Growing in Our Relationship to the People of Christ is also essential to our spiritual growth (Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 4:15–16). The Bible teaches that the Christlife is meant to be lived in authentic relationship with other believers where we find the spiritual acceptance, encouragement, counsel, and correction to grow. Christian community is the critical context in which we not only give others opportunities to speak into our lives but also develop the spiritual abilities to do the same in the lives of others.

My Personal Grow Inventory

Complete your Personal GROW Inventory by honestly and prayerfully choosing the statements below that best characterize you at this time.

1. Am I growing in the grace of Jesus Christ?

Christianity was not intended to be a religion but a relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ. It is a gift of His grace and through it we can find a sense of our true identity, spiritual and emotional freedom, and the power to show His grace to others (Ephesians 2:1–10; Galatians 5:13–26; Ephesians 4:32; 2 Timothy 2:1; Titus 2:11–14).

I do not show grace toward myself or others after mess-ups or mistakes	Although I want to believe Christ loves me, I have trouble accepting or enjoying it	I am starting to really believe Christ loves me and view myself that way	I am finding in Christ's grace the freedom to say "no" to self and "yes" to God	I am finding in Christ's love daily the freedom and power to love others without fear
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2. Am I growing in my knowledge of Christ?

Our life in Christ must be nurtured through continual relationship with Him through reading and studying His written Word. Through the Bible Christ reveals Himself and His purposes for our lives. He uses it to speak to us and transform our hearts (2 Timothy 3:16–17; James 1:22–25; Hebrews 4:12–13; 5:11–14; Psalm 119).

I have little desire to read or study the Bible on my own	Sometimes I read the Bible on my own but don't get much out of it	I like learning about Christ but have trouble finding time to do so	I am starting to make my daily time with Christ in the Bible a priority in my life	I hunger and thirst to study God's Word and learn all I can about Him
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3. Am I growing in my relationship to the people of Christ?

We cannot mature in the Christlife without authentic relationships with other followers of Christ. That is why Christ makes us a part of His Body. He puts us in His Body to know and be known by other believers – a place where we help each other grow by learning to care, weep, and pray for one another (Hebrews 10:24–25; Ephesians 4:11–16; Acts 2:42–47; 1 Corinthians. 12:12–27).

I don't know anybody in this church, and nobody really knows me (it is safer that way)	I don't really have any deep relationships with other believers but would like to	Sometimes I let other believers speak into my life but not enough	I am starting to develop and enjoy spiritually nurturing relationships with others	I am in daily community with a group of believers who care deeply for each other
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Before proceeding with your GROW Plan for 2010 discuss your inventory above with a spiritual friend or your small group and incorporate any new insights you gain from them into your GROW Inventory.

My Personal GROW Plan for 2010

To construct your Personal GROW Plan for 2010, please complete each part below honestly and prayerfully.

Part One: Based on your Personal GROW Inventory above, record below what you believe is the most important way God is calling you this year to GROW in your spiritual life:

I believe the most important way God is calling me to GROW spiritually this year is . . .

Sample: I believe the most important way God is calling me to GROW this year is to make the daily study of God's word an effective practice in my life.

Part Two: Convert what you recorded in Part One above into your own personal GROW goal for 2010:

My GROW goal this year is to . . .

Sample GROW goal: My GROW goal this year is acquire the tools to make the daily study of God's Word an effective practice in my life.

Part Three: Construct for yourself one to three Action Steps designed to help you pursue your GROW goal for this year. (As you do, please be sure to consult our church's GROW resources listed in the back of this planner in case you want to include any of them into your action steps.)

Action Step One:

Action Step Two:

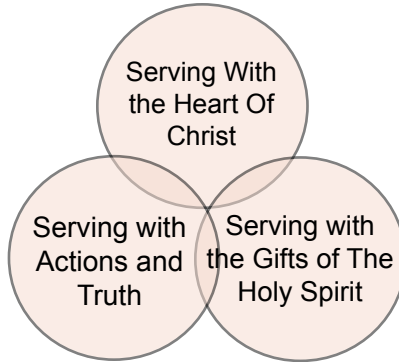
Action Step Three:

Sample Action Steps: (1) Attend a Discipleship U course or read a book to learn how to study the Bible on my own; (2) Ask a spiritual friend to mentor me in studying the Bible on my own; (3) Start a notebook/journal in which I record all the truths Christ teaches me this year.

Once again be sure to get input into your Personal GROW Plan from a spiritual friend or your small group before finalizing it.

The Essentials for SERVING God

We bring glory to God when we serve others in His name and for His glory. And nothing is too small. The Bible teaches us that the simplest of acts (offering a cup of cold water in His name) has great spiritual impact when done for the right reasons (Matthew 10:42). God not only gives us this great privilege and responsibility of serving others in His Name, but he also calls us to do so in very specific ways – with a heart like Christ, with actions and truth (not with just words or tongue), and with the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. These are essential for serving God.



Serving with the Heart of Christ means allowing God to cultivate within us the same compassion and purposes that Christ has for people (Matthew 9:35–38; Colossians 3:12–14, Philippians 2:1–11). It also means learning to serve others with the same humility, respect, and zeal that we serve Christ with (Colossians 3:22–25; Ephesians 6:7–8). The heart of Christ within us compels us to love not only our friends and those who will love us back, but our enemies and those who are lost, poor, and needy and have no means to ever repay us (Matthew 5:43–47; 25:31–46; James 1:27; Hebrews 13:1–3).

Serving with Actions and Truth requires us to go beyond just thinking, talking, or even praying about how to help others. It requires us to put our energies and resources where our hearts are. God always calls us to serve in ways that require us to move out of our comfort zones, take risks, and provide concrete evidence that God is choosing to love others through us. (1 John 3:16–20; James 2:14–18; Galatians 6:7–10) He commands us to never grow tired of doing this.

Serving with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit enables us to love others in ways we could never attain on our own. By discovering and deploying the unique abilities the Holy Spirit gives each of us, we become equipped to serve God in new ways we could never imagine or orchestrate on our own (1 Peter 4:8–11; Ephesians 4:12–16; Romans 12:3–8).

My Personal SERVE Inventory

Complete your Personal SERVE Inventory by honestly and prayerfully choosing the statements below that best characterize you at this time.

1. Am I serving others with the heart of Christ?

It is possible to live lives that are more about us than about the people God is calling us to serve. If you are really honest with yourself, what is the current state of your heart when you have the opportunity to serve others (Matthew 9:35–38; Colossians 3:12–14; Philippians 2:1–11)?

I struggle to engage in compassionate service right now.	I know how to serve, but I do it often with my heart unengaged.	I serve people I know pretty well, but do little to serve those who are very different from me	I catch myself wanting more and more to care for people like Christ does (even strangers)	I see a new heart growing in me, caring deeply about others in ways that are different and scary for me
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2. Am I serving others with actions and truth?

It is easy to talk the talk as Christians and never walk the walk – just like it is easier to study what the Bible says about loving others than actually living it out in our day-to-day interactions with people, especially with those that are difficult or inconvenient to love. How are you at putting your love for God into action to meet the needs of others – the poor, the disadvantaged, the young (1 John 3:16–20; James 2:14–18; Galatians 6:7–10)?

My actions do not really match my words	I care more about others than I am able to show them	Sometimes I surprise myself, but often still feel paralyzed to help others	Recently I have become more active in doing hard things to love others	I catch myself regularly seizing opportunities to love others in ways I never used to
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3. Am I serving others with the gifts the Holy Spirit has given me?

The Holy Spirit equips us with everything we need to love those God is calling us to love. He gives us special abilities or spiritual gifts to employ in tending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of others (Ephesians 4:12–16; 1 Peter 4:8–11; Romans 12:3–8). How are you doing at deploying your gifts for God’s glory?

I have no desire to discover or use any of my gifts to serve others	I would like to use my gifts to serve others, but do not know what they are	I know what my gifts are, but do not know where or how to use them	Once in a while I use some of my gifts, but want to do it more	I know what my gifts are and look for opportunities to use them generously
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Before proceeding with your SERVE Plan for 2010 discuss your inventory above with a spiritual friend or your small group and incorporate any new insights you gain from them into your SERVE Inventory.

My Personal SERVE Plan for 2010

To construct your Personal SERVE Plan for 2010, please complete each part below honestly and prayerfully.

Part One: Based on your Personal SERVE Inventory, record below what you believe is the most important way God is calling you this year to strengthen the way you SERVE:

I believe the most important way God is calling me to strengthen the way I SERVE this year is. . .

Sample: I believe the most important way God is calling me to strengthen the way I SERVE this year is to develop the same kind of heart for lost and needy people that Christ has.

Part Two: Convert what you recorded in Part One into your own personal SERVE growth goal for 2010:

My SERVE goal this year is to . . .

Sample SERVE goal: My SERVE goal this year is to intentionally seek out growth experiences God can use to develop in me a heart for lost and needy people.

Part Three: Construct for yourself one to three Action Steps designed to help you pursue your SERVE goal for this year. (As you do, please be sure to consult our church's SERVE resources listed in the back of this planner in case you want to include any of them into your action steps.)

Action Step One:

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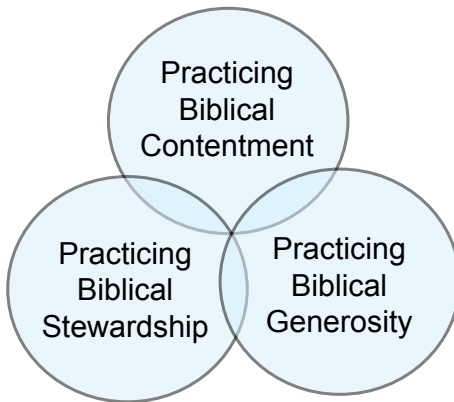
Action Step Three:

Sample Action Steps: (1) Build a spiritual friendship with at least one lost or disadvantaged person; (2) Volunteer to serve at least two hours a week in a ministry to the lost or disadvantaged; (3) Do an in-depth study or course in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and keep a prayer journal on everything I learn about His heart for people; (4) Ask the Holy Spirit to produce this same heart in me.

Once again be sure to get input into your Personal SERVE Plan from a spiritual friend or your small group before finalizing it.

The Essentials for INVESTING in God’s Work

As the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of the universe, Christ can use any means He desires to advance His Kingdom and bring about His ultimate glory. He often does this by using people, especially those who are willing to invest their spiritual and material resources into His Kingdom work (Matthew 6:31–34; 1 Peter 2:9–12). We invite God to do this by cultivating three essential practices in our lives.



Practicing Biblical Contentment positions us to both enjoy and invest whatever material resources God blesses us with (Philippians 4:10–13). It helps us be joyful and grateful for the material resources God provides us without making us dependent on them as our source of life, security, or self-worth (1 Timothy 6:17). It enables us to live at a standard that meets the needs of our families while leaving plenty to invest in Christ’s work outside our families (Ephesians 4:28).

Practicing Biblical Stewardship enables us to wisely manage the material resources Christ entrusts to us. The Bible instructs us to view everything we have as Christ’s resources put in our care to grow, manage, and invest for His glory (Luke 16:10–13; 1 Corinthians 4:2). It requires spiritual maturity to know when and how to wisely spend, save, invest, and share God’s resources.

Practicing Biblical Generosity allows us to participate in the essence of who Christ is and what He did for us through His incarnation and crucifixion. Since He poured himself out generously on our behalf (Philippians 2:3–11), it follows that as His people we are called to do the same thing for others. Our practicing generosity is the means God uses to enrich not only others’ lives but ours as well (2 Corinthians 9:6–15; 1 Timothy 6:17–19).

My Personal INVEST Inventory

Complete your Personal INVEST Inventory by honestly and prayerfully choosing the statements below that best characterize you at this time.

1. Do I practice biblical contentment?

The Bible teaches us that the secret to practicing contentment is recognizing that in every situation Christ gives us everything we need to live abundantly and serve Him fully (Philippians 4:10–13; 2 Peter 1:3). We get in trouble when we start to covet, believing our well-being depends on getting more than what God provides (James 4:1–3; 1 Timothy 6:6–17, James 3:16). What do you believe about the way God provides for you?

Contentment is not something that I really care about right now	I try but I struggle to believe that God will provide enough for me	Sometimes I am content but often I want more than what He provides	I feel content much more than in the past, but desire to grow in my contentment	I have found the secret of practicing contentment in any situation
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2. Do I practice biblical stewardship?

In the Bible Jesus spends more time talking about money than faith. He knew if we do not take strong control of our material resources, our resources will take control of us (Matthew 6:19–24). Seldom does he entrust us with great amounts of his resources until we first learn to manage wisely the smaller amounts he gives us (Matthew 25:14–30). How do you manage what God has entrusted to you?

I do not believe what I have belongs to God	I know everything I have is God's, but I don't live that way	I try to be careful with what I have but too often end up misusing it	I am starting to experience the benefits of managing my resources biblically	I practice biblical stewardship and enjoy helping others do it
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3. Do I practice biblical generosity?

Christ never wants us to get caught up in giving our resources out of guilt, compulsion, or show (2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 6:1–4). These kinds of giving rob us of the joys and the rewards of generosity. While all generosity involves giving, not all giving is generous. It depends on what is in our hearts as we give. Giving generously means investing in God's work as much as He enables us to, looking for nothing in return (2 Corinthians 8:1–5, 11–12). How generous are you?

Presently I am not a very generous person	Sometimes I give but mostly out of compulsion	I give regularly but probably not very generously	I am learning to be generous with what God has given me	One of my deepest joys is investing generously in what God is doing
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Before proceeding with your INVEST Plan for 2010 discuss your inventory with a spiritual friend or your small group and incorporate any new insights you gain from them into your INVEST Inventory.

My Personal INVEST Plan for 2010

To construct your Personal INVEST Plan for 2010, please complete each part below honestly and prayerfully.

Part One: Based on your Personal INVEST Inventory, record below what you believe is the most important way God is calling you to mature this year in the way you INVEST your material resources:

I believe the most important way God is calling me to mature in the way I INVEST my material resources is . . .

Sample: I believe the most important way God is calling me to mature in my INVEST this year is by learning to practice biblical stewardship.

Part Two: Convert what you recorded in Part One into your own personal INVEST growth goal for 2010:

My INVEST goal this year is to . . .

Sample INVEST goal: My INVEST goal this year is to organize my financial life and the way I spend, save, invest, and give around biblical principles.

Part Three: Construct for yourself one to three Action Steps designed to help you pursue your INVEST goal for this year. (As you do, please be sure to consult our church's INVEST resources listed in the back of this planner in case you want to include any of them into your action steps.)

Action Step One:

Action Step Two:

Action Step Three:

Sample Action Steps: (1) Enroll in Financial Peace University; (2) Work with a godly advisor who can mentor me in biblical principles of finance; (3) Develop a budget that enables me to live at a standard that gives me the freedom to give regularly to Christ's work in my church and community.

Once again be sure to get input into your Personal INVEST Plan from a spiritual friend or your small group before finalizing it.

Worship Resources

additional resources available at engage.fefc.com

Ministries

Band/Vocals: Visit worship.fefc.com to fill out an application for the Worship Team and send it in. We will contact you with an appointment and audition time with our Worship leaders.

Tech: Positions for the Tech team include: Audio, Video, Graphics and Lighting.

Usher: Ushers are on the front lines and important in communicating the heart of Fellowship.

Choir: Each Spring and Fall our worship ministries begin a Children's Choir. A Seasonal Adult Choir is formed for Christmas and Easter services.

Seasonal Orchestra: Strings, Brass, and Winds are used at Christmas, Easter and other select events.

Drama/Dance: Occasional opportunities exist for expression through drama and dance.

Photography and Videography: Serving opportunities are available for photographers and videographers to capture the events and activities of our church.

Artist Connection: Offers opportunities to connect artists with shared interests, expressions, and art forms. Watch the website and bulletin for upcoming dates!

Media

Read "Unceasing Worship" by Harold Best to gain a greater perspective of worship and the arts.

Listen to "Arms High, Heart Abandoned," the new Fellowship worship CD, to deepen your knowledge and appreciation of our worship music.

Read "Sacred Pathways" by Gary Thomas to discover which of nine ways to commune with God and honor the unique design He has given you. Discuss with a friend the uniqueness of how God has wired you to respond to Him.

For WORSHIP information or assistance
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Grow Resources

additional resources available at engage.fefc.com

Ministries

Disciplemaking Community Groups

(all Community Groups meet on Sunday mornings unless otherwise specified)

2 Becoming 1 is for engaged, newly-married couples, and couples married for fewer than 4 years learning to address issues like balancing work and family, spiritual growth in marriage, communication and conflict, sexual wholeness and purity, and growing in our appreciation of what makes us, as husband and wife, different. (11:00am, Room 602)

4 Better or Worse is for couples, married four years or more, with or without children. Our mission is building, renewing, and restoring the promise of a great marriage and family. (9:15am, Room 606)

Cheers is a group for Baby Boomers desiring a place where “everybody knows your name and everybody’s glad you came.” Rich times of fellowship, study of the Word, service to the community, and support of younger adults make Cheers a wonderful environment for spiritual growth. (11:00am, Room 604)

Close Encounters (With our Father’s Heart) is a diverse group of individuals seeking to encounter the love and grace of Christ and share that experience with others. Our social activities and missions outreach are opportunities for expressing that love and the grace of God. (9:15am, Prayer Chapel)

Couples with Young Children is for parents with children 10 years and younger. Our focus is to help adults in their first decade of parenting grow in their relationships with their marriage partners, their children, and with God. (9:15am, Modular)

Image Bearers are seasoned members of our church community with a long standing tradition of sustained spiritual friendships, small groups, social activities, and several missions and ministry connections that are a key part of life together. (9:15am, Room 604)

Just Yoked is for newly-married young adults seeking to establish their marriage under biblical wisdom in all areas of life together such as finances, intimacy, relationships, living together, work, and in-laws. (9:15am, Room 605)

Kingdom Builders meets for coffee, fellowship, prayer, and personal application of the morning sermons through discussion and break-out groups. Our other major focus is coming together to serve the poor in our city. (11:00am, Prayer Chapel)

Mosaic is a community group for “40-something” single adults committed to helping each other discover and experience all God intends at this important stage of adulthood. It’s a group committed to finding biblical ways not just to survive the challenges of this life stage, but to thrive on them. (11:00am, Room 603)

N B Tween is for parents of children ages 9-12. This community is committed to helping parents think and apply Biblical truth to their walk with God, life with their marriage partners, and in relationship to their children. (11:00am, Room 601)

Parents of Teens is for parents of children ages 13-18. Sessions address common concerns shared by parents of teenagers. Biblical perspectives and practical approaches are offered to support parents’ growth in faith, marriage, and parenting skills. (11:00am, Room 605)

Disciplemaking Community Groups *(continued)*

Serving Among Midlife Singles provides an environment of spiritual nurture for single adults in mid-life and beyond through social activities and service opportunities within our church and community. (9:15am, Room 603)

Soul Purpose is for single adults in their thirties committed to helping each other think and live biblically in light of the unique questions and concerns of single adults. Large and small group gatherings, social activities, outreach and missions projects challenge and equip members for the life to which God is calling them. (11:00am, Room 606)

The Gathering is for twenty-somethings, in grad school or the working world, looking for a place to meet other young professionals. We attend the 9:15am worship service and meet afterwards at the Gathering for coffee, refreshments, and candid conversation about things that matter. (11:00am, Modular)

The Launching Years is for parents of young adults committed to helping each other love their adult children well during their launching years while at the same time grow and move in new directions in their own relationships with God and others. (9:15am, Room 602)

College Ministries

CollegeLife offers different community groups throughout the week. We desire for you to grow spiritually and connect relationally through these groups. Find a time that works for you and get involved! The groups will focus on discipleship through relationship. (See collegelife.fefc.com for more details)

Crossroad is our weekly college-aged worship service. (Monday nights at 8:00pm)

Women's Connection

Women's Connection is our ministry to all the women of Fellowship Church. We help women grow in their connection to Christ while equipping them to do the work of Christ in serving others. We also value laughter, excitement and relaxation. Women's Connection offers something for women in every season of life, through the encouraging teachings of Christ. See women.fefc.com for more details.

Men's Connection

Men's Connection offers small group options to give men an opportunity to build friendships with other men, as well as deal with issues that really matter most to them. These Men's Groups focus on various issues common to men seeking authentic biblical manhood, be they in the context of work, family, sexuality or life in general. See men.fefc.com for more details.

Care Groups

Care Groups offer timely help for those struggling with a specific life issue.

DivorceCare: For those enduring the pain of separation and divorce.

DivorceCare for Kids: For children enduring the pain of their parents' separation and divorce.

Choosing Wisely Before you Divorce: For those needing to take an objective look at how divorce will affect their life.

Restoring Hearts: For women who are struggling with the aftermath of abortion.

Courage: A highly confidential group for women who are in difficult, controlling, or abusive relationships.

Passion for Purity: Confidential help for men struggling with sexual brokenness and addiction.

GriefShare: For those who have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend.

Additional Opportunities

Discipleship U provides solid, biblical teaching and training on foundational aspects of the Christ life, while forming a biblical worldview for those desiring to be disciples of Christ. For the latest on our course offerings and the registration process, e-mail lbenner@fetc.com.

The Fellowship Library is a tremendous resource for books and movies for all ages. Our inventory includes the most recent books from best-selling authors. We are located in the children's wing. Also watch for our mobile book cart this fall in the cappuccino area.

Membership at Fellowship, members are not names on a roll, but rather disciples on a journey. Biblically, membership is defined by a community of disciples living life together as followers of Jesus Christ. Several resources are offered to walk individuals through the process of membership and are listed at www.fetc.com/discover-fellowship/membership.

God, Do You Like Me? is a class that meets several times a month and walks through key identity truths all based on God's love and fondness for His children. Watch for class announcements in the weekly bulletin.

Media

Read *The Faith* by Chuck Colson and Harold Fickett... a very readable yet profound treatise about what Christians believe, why they believe it and why it matters. Reaffirm this year the content of your faith.

For GROW information or assistance contact Laura Benner at lbenner@fetc.com or 470-2829 x222

Serve Resources

additional resources available at engage.fefc.com

International Missions

missions.fefc.com

International Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are interested in sponsoring a child internationally, or one of our ministry partners that provides spiritual and practical care for children, you can contact Joan Whiteside in our Missions Department at 470-9800 x107, or jwhiteside@fefc.com

Mexico

- Child Sponsorship at the Tijuana Christian Mission Orphanage
- Education Sponsorship at Pastor Albert's Church at the Old City Landfill in Tijuana

S.E. Asia

- Child Sponsorship at one of the Homes of Love
- Sponsorship of the Ministry Team that serves street kids
- Sponsorship of Underground Pastors that serves impoverished/persecuted communities

Africa

- Child Sponsorship through the FOCUS Child Project in Uganda
- Child Sponsorship at the Good Shepherd Orphanage in Zimbabwe

2010 Church-Sponsored Mission Trips

If you are interested in going on any of these trips, you can fill out a *Mission Trip Interest Form*, which are online at missions.fefc.com, or you can contact Joan Whiteside in our Missions Department at 470-9800 x107, or jwhiteside@fefc.com

Mexico College Trip (2010 trip is closed, apply this August for 2011 trip.)
must be entering college, in college, or first few years after college as of this fall.

Mexico Men's Trip (April 24 - May 1)
men of all ages.

Mexico Family Trip (June 5 - 11)
must have at least one child in grade 1-6 as of this fall.

S.E. Asia Trip (2010 trip is closed, apply this August for 2011 trip.)
must be an adult or in HS: HS students must have been on a previous mission trip.

Mexico Middle School Trip (July 5 -11)
must be going into 6th - 8th grades as of fall, 2010.

Mexico High School Trip (July 12-19)
must be going into 9th - 12th grades as of fall, 2010.

Poland Trip (7-10 days in Fall)
must be an adult or in HS: HS students must have been on a previous mission trip.

Africa Trips (Dates vary)
contact Missions Department or missions.fefc.com for additional information.

Mexico Women's Trip (1 week in October)
women of all ages.

For International SERVE information/assistance contact Joan Whiteside at jwhiteside@fefc.com or 470-2820 x107

Local Outreach

outreach.fefc.com

Angelic Ministries - A multi-church ministry sharing Jesus with families whose homes have burned, those fleeing domestic violence situations, or overcoming homelessness. Angelic provides clothing, emergency food, furniture and household supplies to help them in bettering their lives.

Amache Knoxville - This program serves children who have a parent incarcerated in state or federal prison, between the ages of 4-17 who reside in Knox County. Mentors are expected to spend one hour a week minimum with their child for one year. Mentors will receive ongoing training, support and encouragement.

Mobile Meals - Volunteers deliver meals to local homebound seniors in all areas of Knoxville and Knox County. There are also opportunities to help pack the food in the Mobile Meals Kitchen.

JustLead (a ministry of Emerald Youth Foundation) - Ministers with Knoxville's youth through a network of 19 urban churches and community-based organizations. Children and young people ages 7-18 are served year round through JustLead. Volunteer opportunities include homework help, cooking meals and leading small group Bible studies.

SOAR Youth Ministries - Challenges Lonsdale youth with the love of Jesus Christ to serve others in their spiritual, educational, emotional, social and recreational needs. The ultimate goal of SOAR is to give at-risk kids a solid foundation to build a successful future.

Single Moms Ministry - Fellowship hosts a number of single moms and their kids for dinner and bible study on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. These moms have little family support.

YOKE - Mentors middle school children through clubs, camps, and Kid Time. Currently YOKE reaches out to over 19,000 students at 24 middle schools located in Anderson, Blount, Jefferson, and Knox counties.

KICKO - Takes the life changing message of Jesus Christ to the children living in Knoxville's low income housing units. Their goal is to "change the inner city one child at a time."

HOPE Resource Center - Women and men facing unplanned pregnancies turn to this Christian ministry for the help they need to see their pregnancy through. HOPE also serves young people facing difficult decisions regarding sexual health.

FISH Hospitality Pantry - The FISH Hospitality Pantries are committed to the challenge of ending hunger. They provide food bags to hungry families in our community.

FEFC Home Repair Team - A group of Fellowship members who donate time to offer minor home repairs & yard work projects for single moms, people with disabilities and the elderly. We serve people from our own church as well as others from our community.

Tutoring / Mentoring - Commit one hour a week to assist children from West Vista Ridge Apartments, Lonsdale Elementary, Norwood Elementary or Northwest Middle. Tutors typically begin in August and commit for the school year.

ESL (English as a Second Language) - FEFC offers ESL classes for Spanish speaking adults on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:15pm. Volunteers are needed and you do not have to speak Spanish to help out.

Ministry to International Students - Navigators and Campus Crusade for Christ recruit volunteers to reach out to these students through authentic, caring relationships as they share their lives and the good news about Jesus.

Campus Crusade for Christ - Bridges International is a sub ministry of Campus Crusade focused on reaching international students. We have a huge opportunity to reach the nations by investing in these students while they are attending school at UT.

KARM - Knox Area Rescue Ministries purpose is to seek to rescue the poor and needy of the Knox Area by providing recovery services in Jesus' name. There are dozens of ways you can volunteer.

For local SERVE information/assistance contact Kristi Fisher at kfisher@fefc.com or 470-2820 x133

Media

Read *Let the Nations be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions* by John Piper.

Visit www.perspectives.org to discover the course entitled “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement”, a fifteen week long course offered periodically by the US Center for World Missions. The next Knoxville course begins January, 2009.

Disciplemaking Ministries to the next Generation

Children’s Ministry – opportunities to serve in our Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary ministries on Sunday mornings. Contact Steve VanHorn at svanhorn@fetc.com or 470-2820 x210.

Student Ministry

Middle School – opportunities to serve as small group leaders, Sunday morning helpers, or event leaders. Contact Beth Utterback at butterback@fetc.com or 470-2820 x158

High School – opportunities to serve as small group leaders. Sunday morning helpers, or event leaders. Contact Kerry White at kwhite@fetc.com or 470-2820 x134

College – opportunities to serve as mentors or community group and small group leaders. Contact JC Neely at jcneely@fetc.com

Marriage Mentoring – opportunities to mentor individual or couples in pre-marriage preparation, marriage enrichment, and marriage crises. Contact Tim Shaughnessy at tshaughnessy@fetc.com

Welcome Ministries

Welcome Team – opportunities to volunteer as ushers, greeters, information center and cappuccino café workers. Contact Laura Benner at lbenner@fetc.com or 470-2820 x222

Parking Team – assists attendees in and out of our lot as well as locate parking spots on Sunday mornings. Contact Steve Luper at sluper@fetc.com 470 -9800 x110.

Invest Resources

additional resources available at engage.fefc.com

Ministries

Financial Peace University

Twice a year Fellowship offers this thirteen-week course within a community environment with others who desire to learn, grow and change their thoughts and habits of stewardship. New courses usually begin in January and September. Details found in the weekly bulletin the month prior.

Crown Life Group

A ten week small group program that can be brought into any existing small group or perhaps be the basis for the formation of a new small group.

Individual Financial Counseling or Mentoring

Fellowship offers financial counseling for people who need additional one-on-one help to structure a monthly budget and get out of debt. Trained budget counselors are available to assist in planning and maintaining a budget.

Media

Read *The Treasure Principle* and/or *Money, Wealth and Possessions* by Randy Alcorn – two works that will give a renewed perspective on the resources of God given to His people.

Visit Financial Peace University: fpuonline.daveramsey.com and Crown Financial Ministries: www.crown.org

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