



HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL THEOLOGY OF GIVING

Horizon Christian School is a ministry of Horizon Community Church, which has been serving thousands of students and families in SW Portland since 1980.

Our Mission: “Horizon Christian School exists to glorify God through excellence in Education, Faith, and Relationships.”

Our Calling: “Where Everybody is Somebody and Jesus is All”.

One of our core values is GENEROSITY, which means “unselfishly giving our time, talents, and treasures for the good of others and the glory of God.” This is why we created our **THEOLOGY OF GIVING** to provide a Biblical framework and help clarify our perspective and practice regarding giving and fundraising.

We are committed to cultivating a culture of generosity that will inspire our community to participate in God’s amazing plans for the growth and development of Horizon Christian’s students, staff, and facilities. “So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENTS

COMMITMENT ONE: God owns all things and needs nothing.

Key Scripture: “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is the Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.” Acts 17:24-25

- 1) Based on these Scriptures, we believe:
 - a) Everything belongs to God, our Creator.
 - b) God does not depend on our service or resources to accomplish His work.
 - c) This includes the ministry of HCS and everyone who serves and supports it.
- 2) As a result, we commit to working and ministering in ways that are consistent with this understanding and to trusting God entirely for our every need.

COMMITMENT TWO: God is rich in love and extravagantly generous.

Key Scripture: “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

- 1) Based on these Scriptures, we believe:
 - a) God is our sole Provider. Everything we need for life and ministry comes from His hands. He is our source!
 - b) No one can out-give God.
 - c) We are the recipients of His gracious giving – especially the gift of salvation unto eternal life through Christ Jesus.
- 2) As a result, we commit to working and ministering in ways consistent with His generous nature and trusting that He will provide for our every need.

COMMITMENT THREE: Everything we have is a gift from God, and He has entrusted us as stewards, not owners.

Key Scripture: “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

- 1) Based on these Scriptures, we believe:
 - a) God has endowed and equipped us for the very special work of the faithful steward of all his creation.
 - b) We must fight our natural desire to claim ownership over the things God calls us to steward.
 - c) We are all on a faith journey to become a more deeply committed steward of everything in our lives and work.
 - d) This stewardship includes our co-workers, leaders, staff, students, ministry partners, and board.
- 2) As a result, we commit to being used by God to help one another on our journey as we seek, together, to be more faithful and obedient stewards of the good things of God.

COMMITMENT FOUR: Our work in all of our development programs and practices is to help people connect with God's calling to be faithful stewards.

Key Scripture: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." Corinthians 9:11

- 1) Based on these Scriptures, we believe:
 - a) God calls us to minister to our partners throughout HCS, and specifically those who are led to support us financially.
 - b) We are called to trust God, and if we are faithful, He will supply all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
 - c) As bearers of God's image, we follow His lead by faithful and consistent giving of our time, talents, and resources as directed by Him.
- 2) As a result, we commit to always put ministry over money, seeking to be faithful in our work of being used by God to help His people live out their stewarding responsibilities by generously funding the work of HCS as led by Him.

FIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR LIFE AND WORK

- 1) God alone is our 'fundraiser' at HCS.
 - For us, this means that we rely upon God for all our fundraising initiatives and resources according to His will.
- 2) We believe God will use our work to transform the lives of our ministry partners, not merely to facilitate transactions for our financial benefit.
 - For us, this means that fundraising God's way is ministry.
- 3) We desire that our partners financially support HCS because our work aligns with their passion, not because we are trying to persuade them.
 - For us, this means each community member will have the opportunity to pray how the Lord can lead him or her to participate in God's work at HCS.
- 4) Because we know the Owner and are called to serve the Owner, we desire to bless our ministry partners and carry out our work with the highest level of skill and excellence of which we are capable.
 - For us, this means that fundraising should be conducted in God's way, with excellence, authenticity, and great care and concern for those we serve.
- 5) Prayer is our greatest development tool; we will exercise it faithfully.
 - For us, this means sincerely seeking God's wisdom and discernment through prayer, which will result in His will being accomplished through all our fundraising efforts with faithfulness and diligence.

We believe God has called us to this ministry as stewards, and as we trust in Him and seek to be obedient to His calling, we are confident that He will bless HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL and all who serve and support it with His joy and abundance.