

in the giving

Finding meaningful opportunities to share a perspective on giving and generosity that is faith centered rather than needs based is important to allow people to grow in their understanding of generosity. This “In the Giving” DVD is designed to bring a point of view that will create opportunities for deepening the conversation of stewardship and the individual’s spiritual journey of generosity. We have listed below a variety of ways you can use this DVD and some entry points for generating meaningful conversation.

SERMON SUPPLEMENT: We recommend using this DVD as an augmentation to a sermon series that focuses on the impact, essence, identity or fulfillment that happens when we act as givers. We suggest using the “In the Giving” phrases to develop a 3-4 part preaching series. Show the DVD each week and highlight one of the phrases each week. We encourage you to think about using this resource during a season when you are not typically asking people for a financial commitment to your mission and ministry.

WORSHIP MOMENTS: Use this DVD as a reflection piece during worship. Play it during the offering and follow with a prayer that lifts up the idea that in the giving we connect our hearts with God’s.

DEVOTIONAL TIME: At the beginning of your council meetings, retreats, or other ministry team events, show this DVD. Allow time for reflection with questions such as:

- a. *How can we engage the idea of giving with more joy?*
- b. *Where are those moments in life that encourage us to see giving as fulfilling our purpose?*
- c. *Use the text of this DVD to pull out other points for conversation*

Trunks and branches, stems and leaves, pushing relentlessly toward the sun, displaying artful beauty and endless delight, generously giving up oxygen, fruit and seeds.

Embedded deep within the genetic code is a profound wisdom that living means giving.

Leaves that draw in precious energy are given for the building of the soil.

Fruit that multiplies its life gives life in its sweet juices.

Seeds that encapsulate the future are given up to die in order to be reborn.

The creation has been encoded with God’s giving heart.

In the giving we synchronize our heart with God’s.

In the giving we live our identity

In the giving we find our destiny

In the giving we discover our true peace and joy

WEBSITE: Post the DVD on your church’s website along with the script. Invite people to view it and offer some guidance for their reflection. Include opportunities for them to give that are not directly related to your ministry budget but are connected to your mission.

DVD COPIES: If you want to receive a free DVD of “In the Giving” call Kairos’ office 1.800.851.3019 ext. 4.