



There is one
body, and one
Spirit, even as
you are called
in one hope of
your calling.

Eph. 4:4

FBCV 10-10-10 Challenge

Jan. 15 - April 14, 2017

Stewardship: it's a word that most believers have heard often, especially if they are engaged with a local church body. Generally, stewardship is used in connection with finances and material possessions. But God wants us to be good stewards of *all* that He has blessed us with. That includes not only our finances, but also our time and talents.

The FBCV 10-10-10 Challenge will give each of us an opportunity to intentionally focus on these areas and uncover ways to strengthen and deepen our commitment to the Lord. From Jan. 15 through April 15 we will look at how we use our Time, Talent and Treasures, and prayerfully uncover ways to move from wherever we are to the next level. This journey will require us to create priorities, to trust God with everything that we have and to be obedient to the word of God. In the end, our diligent efforts will result in a more disciplined lifestyle that will allow us to be better disciples.

Let's take a closer look at these three pillars of stewardship:

Time: There are so many demands on our time today, making life far more hectic than it needs to be. Most of the activities consuming our time are Good Things, but even so, too many distractions does not allow us to take time for the Best Things. God wants us to use our time to serve others and to study His word. How would your life look if you gave God the First Fruits of your time? If you made meditation and study an integral part of your day, rather than something crammed in - or worse - not included at all. Would you feel calmer, more in control? Here's our 10-10-10 Challenge guarantee: if you make time for God, He'll make time for everything else!

Talents: God expects us to use the gifts and talents that he has given to us in a way that glorifies Him. If you have not discovered what your gift is or how you should best use it, start with prayer. Ask God what he has for you in this area. Then come to the FBCV Ministry Fair on January 21st to get plugged in to a ministry here at First that can use your gifts and talents.

Treasure: Everything we have is a gift from God. His instructions to bring the First Fruits and minimally, one-tenth of our income, are part of His plan to care for those less fortunate and ensure that resources are available to support local churches and global missions. Our gratitude for all He has done should inspire us to give generously. Acknowledging that it is *all* His helps us to cheerfully give, as we are commanded.

FBCV 2018 10-10-10 Challenge Guidelines

So, what is the challenge? Over the next 90 days, we are asking for a commitment to 90 days of attending weekly bible study; 90 days of using your gifts in ministry and 90 days of tithing.

TIME: Commit to spending at least 10% of your time in study over the next 90 days. This should include attending at least one of the study opportunities at church: Mid-Week Worship and Bible Study; one of the bible studies on Tuesdays, or Christian Learning Academy classes on Sundays. This commitment should also include adding quiet time to your day for meditation and prayer.

TALENT: Commit to using at least 10% of your gifts and talents in an FBCV ministry, or in an opportunity outside of the church that uses your gifts to further a goal such as spreading the gospel, helping the needy, etc., during this 90-day period.

TREASURE: Commit to tithing at least 10% of your gross income for the period of the challenge.

To start the challenge:

1. Make an inventory of how you are currently using your time, talents and treasure.
2. Ask God to show you how you can better use these gifts.
3. Get going!

Taking this challenge will stretch us. It may even create some discomfort. But it's only growing pains as we learn to truly trust God with our entire being!

10-10-10 Glossary

Tithe: setting aside one-tenth of one's income for God. See Mal.3:8-10

Offering: gifts above and beyond tithes for specific purposes, such as the building fund or a special missions project.

Talents: gifts from God in the form of a person's calling or natural abilities. We are to use our gifts to enhance and expand the Kingdom. There are several scriptures about our gifts, including 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Romans 12:6-8 and this, from 1 Peter 4:10-11: "Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace. Anyone who speaks should speak words from God. Anyone who serves should serve with the strength God gives so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Power and glory belong to him forever and ever. Amen."

Temple: A fourth area over which we have stewardship. Our bodies house the Holy Spirit, and therefore we are to treat them as sacred and holy. See 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20.

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Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. and Noon

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Worship

Sundays: 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Christian Learning Academy: 9:00 a.m.