

Will You Grow?



Will

You know that you can grow.
Will you make that choice?

You

It's not about anyone else's
choices. This is about your
decision for yourself.

Grow?

How much you grow
is between you and God.
The key is aligning your
actions with your faith.

Looking at generosity from a Biblical perspective,

we can see that our giving is an opportunity to express our faith.

Through giving with loving hearts, we show our gratitude,
our worship, and our discipleship. In fact,

our ability to be financially generous
with money and possessions is

a powerful measurement of who
we are spiritually. God owns it all

and does not need our money –

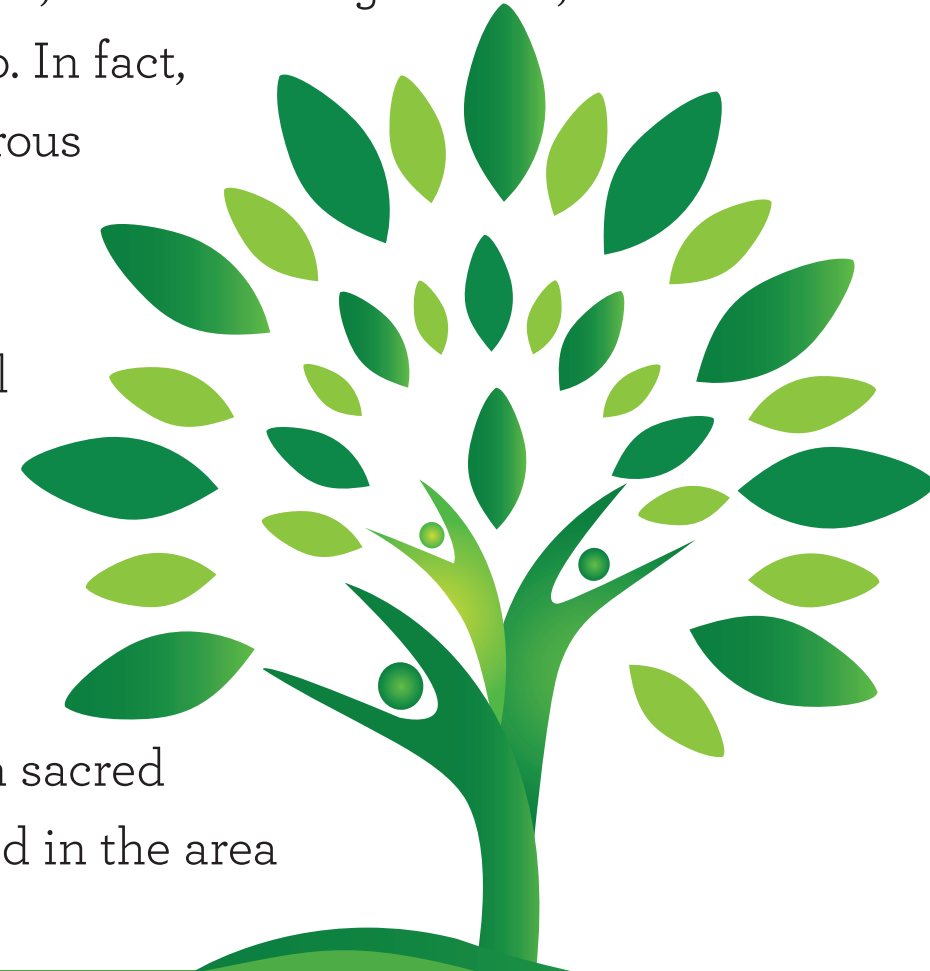
but **we need to give
in order to be fulfilled.**

We must all overcome the sins

of pride and selfishness. This is a sacred

partnership between you and God in the area

of money and possessions.



*You see that faith was active along with his works,
and faith was brought to completion by the works. You see that a person is
justified by works and not by faith alone. For just as the body without the spirit
is dead, so faith without works is also dead.*

James 2: 22, 24, 26

*Giving is not just a financial decision —
it's a deeply spiritual decision. Pray about it!*

It's about love —

not money. Ok, yes, this mailing is about our Will You Grow Stewardship Campaign supporting the ministry & mission of Fuquay-Varina UMC in 2016. But it's really not about money.

Our focus this year is to encourage each other as we each **deepen our relationship with God.**

This is also not about duty, obligation, or guilt — **it's about faith with works**, about our spiritual growth and trusting in God.

We give back to God

because God gives the very best to each of us — given willingly, without hesitation. God sacrifices for us, loves us, and desires the best for our lives.

Nothing invites God into our lives like giving.

It's a tangible way we
declare our **trust** in and
commitment to God.

Giving often paves the way
for God to show up in our lives
in a **powerful way.**

***“Bring the whole tithe
into the storehouse, that
there may be food in my
house. Test me in this,”
says the Lord Almighty,
“and see if I will not throw
open the floodgates of
heaven and pour out so
much blessing that there
will not be room enough
to store it.”***

Malachi 3:10