

IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Test Case—“How do I decide when to give to organizations that solicit my support?”

(1 Thessalonians 5:21-22)

I. Recording

- A. Write the above question with the one-word topic: _____
- B. List some initial _____
1. What biblical principles apply to my _____ and its _____?
 2. What principles apply to an organization’s _____?

II. Testing

- A. Biblical principles governing my relationship to _____
1. Tithing—_____ to my _____ (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7)
 - a. I must give _____ and _____
 - b. I must give _____ and _____
 2. Stewardship—It is _____ money, not _____ (Ps. 50:10-12)
 - a. I am _____ for its use (Matt. 25:14-29)
 - b. I must not be _____ by it (Luke 16:13; 1 Tim. 6:7-10)
 3. Glorification—The goal of its use is the _____ of _____ (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - a. Includes what is used to _____ (Phil. 4:14-19)
 - b. Includes what is used for personal _____ or _____ (1 Tim. 6:17)
 4. Sowing and Reaping (2 Cor. 9:6, 10)
 1. _____ begets _____
 2. _____ begets _____
 5. Summary principle: “I am responsible to take whatever steps necessary to see that the _____ money is distributed properly by _____ and used for _____”

- B. Biblical principles governing the _____ obligations
1. Legitimacy (2 Cor. 8:16-21)
 - a. With whom is the solicitor _____?
 - b. To whom is the solicitor _____?
 - c. By whom is the solicitor _____?
 - d. For what will the money be _____?
 - e. What is the solicitor's relationship to the _____?
 2. Accountability
 - a. What _____ of donation actually funds the project?
 - b. By what method will the solicitor _____ the money's use?
 3. Support Base (3 John 7-8)
 - a. Is this a specifically _____ work?
 - b. Who _____ by the donation?
 - c. Who _____ the donations?
 4. Summary principle: "The solicitor is responsible to provide a pre-planned method for assuring givers that _____ will be used appropriately for a _____ purpose"

III. Substituting (Irrelevant to this question)

IV. Implementing

- A. You will not be _____ to give to _____ legitimate causes
1. Does God _____ that I help this cause?
 2. If not, do I have a particular _____ to help this cause?
 3. Might God have brought this cause to my attention because He wants to _____ through _____? (James 2:15-16)
- B. Decide _____ to give
- C. Decide _____ and _____ to give