



# BECOMING A CHEERFUL GIVER

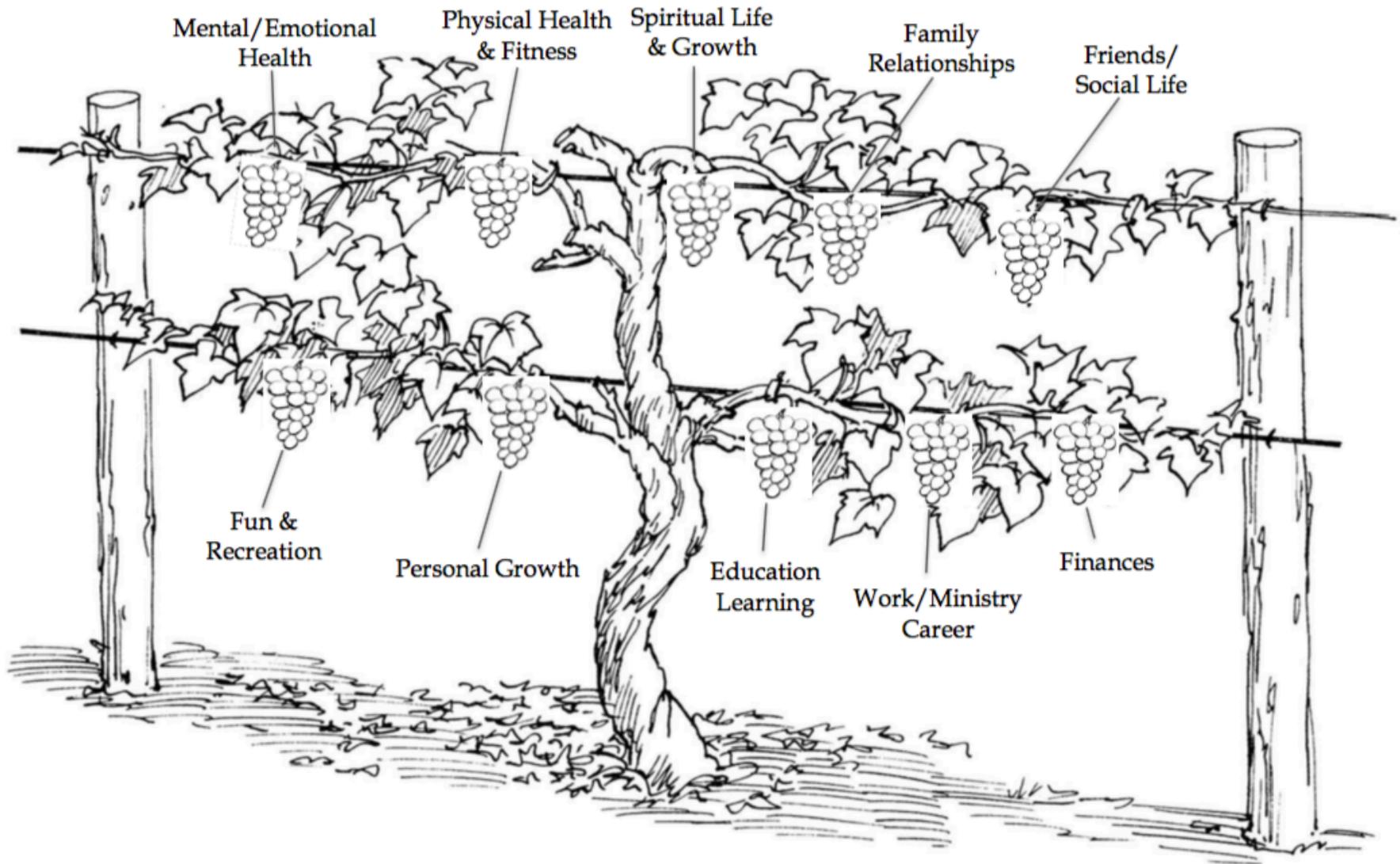
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# GROWING TOGETHER TOWARD MATURITY IN CHRIST

Vision Statement

# MyLifeVine: Life Overview



## Matthew 6:19-20; 24 – Who do you serve?

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ...

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.



\$15,654

Average Credit Card Debt in the U.S. as of September 2017 – Time.com



**“I hope everybody  
could get rich and  
famous and will have  
everything they ever  
dreamed of, so they  
will know that its not  
the answer.”**

**Jim Carrey**

## Hebrews 13:5 – Are you content?

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

## 1 Timothy 6:6-11

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

“So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**2 Corinthians 9:5-8**

As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**2 Corinthians 9:9-11**

For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

**2 Corinthians 9:12-15**

- **God Cares About your heart when giving**
  - “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” **V.7**
- **God provides for us so we can care for others**
  - He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. **V.10**
- **Thanking God while giving to others**
  - For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. **V.12**
- **God models the best kind of giving**
  - Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! **V.15**

## Becoming a Cheerful Giver

Several Principles of  
Cheerful Giving

## Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”



“OUR MISSION IS TO BRING NEW  
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PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO THE  
LOCAL **CAMPUSES**, OUR  
**COMMUNITIES**, AND **COUNTRIES**  
AROUND THE WORLD.”

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