

Forward

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(Exodus 14:15) ... "Tell the people of Israel to go forward."

Forward Is...

- ✓ An opportunity to accelerate the vision and partner with God on a larger scale.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT) Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

- ✓ An opportunity to express our love to God, and share His love with others.

(2 Corinthians 9:12) This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

- ✓ An opportunity to invest in eternity.

(1 Timothy 6:19 LB) By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourself in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity.

- ✓ An opportunity for God to engage and change our hearts.

(Matthew 6:21) "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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(Psalm 112:9) They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.

1. It takes faith.

We see it.

(Ephesians 2:19-22 MSG) God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

2. It takes sacrifice.

We choose it.

(1 Peter 2:5) You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

3. It takes generosity.

We give it.

(Proverbs 11:25) A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

(2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT) You must make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

4. It takes urgency.

We do it today.

(Ephesians 5:15-16) Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.