

## **Bridgnorth Baptist Church – An invitation to work through an audit of your lifestyle choices**

At the start of a new year we invite you to use the following prompts and questions to help you to reflect on your own life choices and your response to our shared calling to become disciples of Jesus.

We want you to know that the choices you make are entirely personal to you – we are not seeking to influence or direct this in any way at all. These are matters that are primarily between you and God. Even so, in the context of Graeme’s teaching on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, we encourage you to share and pray this through with someone else who you invite to encourage you and hold you to account.

### **Area 1 - Spiritual growth and ministry**

Where do I look for input to support my own spiritual growth?

*(eg. Sunday morning teaching, personal Bible study and time with God, group Bible study, fellowship/home group, reading Christian literature, TV/radio ministry etc.)*

Where do I find opportunity to exercise my own spiritual gifts?

*(eg. serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership etc. - ref. Romans 12 and I Cor 12)*

Who do I trust with permission to speak into my life and offer me encouragement with challenge?

*(eg. family member, close friend, church or small group leader)*

### **Area 2 – Use of the resources (talents) that God has given and entrusted to me**

- Time – what proportion of my time do I make available to further the kingdom of God?
- Money – what proportion of my income do I make available to further the kingdom of God?
- Possessions – how do I use /share the things that I have, and what value do I place on them?
- Commitments – who or what do I allow to make demands on my time and resources  
*(eg. family members, employer, friends, possessions, leisure activities etc.?)*
- Priorities – what demands take precedence in my life?

### **Area 3 – Attitudes, feelings and motivation**

- What prompts me to give of my time and resources?
- Where on the spectrum would I place myself in each of the following attitudes?
- Where would I aspire to be?

Lovingly	.....	Conditionally
Joyfully	.....	Reluctantly
Generously	.....	Fearfully
Obediently	.....	Out of guilt
Sacrificially	.....	Minimally
Intentionally	.....	Whimsically

**Some prompts that may help you to reflect on your current and potential future level of giving**  
(Note - This page is intended to be confidential to you and to whoever you choose to share it with)

**How I choose to give from my financial resources**

	Up until now 2015	from now on from start of 2016	Working towards by the end of 2016
To the church			
To other Christian work			
To secular charities			
Other			

**How I choose to give my time to invest in the Kingdom of God**

	Up until now 2015	from now on from start of 2016	Working towards by the end of 2016
Developing the spiritual life of my family			
Engaging in the life of the church			
Bible reading / study			
Personal prayer and worship			
Relationships with Christian friends			
Talking with neighbours			
Involvement in community activities			
Engaging with issues of social justice			
Other activities			

**Opportunities to serve in the church**

Alpha ministry  
Care team (giving practical help)  
Children's work - Rainbows  
Flower rota  
Freedom in Christ ministry  
Ladies / men's ministry  
Pastoral ministry / discipleship  
Prayer and encouragement team  
Refreshment team  
Small group leadership  
Sound / AV team  
Spectrum and young people's work  
Teaching team  
Visiting team  
Welcome team  
Worship team