



DEVOTED

MAKING A GIFT CHECKLIST: **HEART AND MISSION ALIGNED**

We recognize that people have the incredible opportunity to put God's generosity on display through their generosity. Once this position is realized, however, there is often a question of how to give and where to give. Devoted aims to help people be good stewards of the gifts they are giving and to assist in this, we have created this resource to help people evaluate giving opportunities rather than telling people where to give.

For questions regarding how to use this checklist, please email us at connect@whatsprofitable.com

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PRAYER & SPIRIT LEADING

Have you prayed through this? Have you asked the Holy Spirit where you should give? If you have clarity, do you have the courage to have risk-taking faith?

MISSION ALIGNMENT

Are you passionate about what the organization is doing? Are you, as a donor/investor, aligned with the mission?

EFFECTIVENESS

Is the organization accomplishing its mission? In other words, are they doing what they say they are doing?

AREA OF IMPACT (GEOGRAPHICAL/SOCIAL):

Where is this organization having an impact? Is it clearly defined? Who is benefiting from the work of this organization?

LEADERSHIP

Who is leading the organization? Is it an individual who reports to a board (*if so, what accountability structures are in place*)? Is it a board that appoints an executive to accomplish the mission (*if so, how do they clearly articulate expectations*)?

SUSTAINABILITY/LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS

Are you funding something that will require ongoing support? Or is this a one-time capital expense?

BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL ACCURACY

We want to avoid funding a cult or some heretical organization, so it is important that you understand the biblical/theological position of the organization you are funding. It does not need to be a Bible-forward mission, but it should not contradict Biblical principles.

ARE YOU FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECTS OR OPERATIONAL COSTS?

Is there clarity for how the gift will be used? Is this simply funding the annual operational budget?

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Are they audited or approved by an outside entity? (Candid, Excellence in Giving, Charity Navigator, or ECFA).

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