

THE HOUSEHOLD COVENANT



The Household Covenant is an ‘experiment in faith’. It is based upon the premise that one of the most urgent challenges for Western Christians today is to reject the destructiveness and soullessness of our consumer culture. In the words of the Apostle Paul, it is an attempt to ‘conform no longer to the present pattern of the world’ (Romans 12:2). This Covenant seeks to help those who live by it to live more responsibly, taking care for the impact that our lives have upon others, upon God’s creation and upon our connection to God. In this way, it is really just one reminder of what it means to live well.

The seven-fold covenant focuses on household economics — from the realm of personal and family finances to day-to-day practices. The Covenant invites you to think of at least one specific commitment you can make in each of these seven areas. Its purpose is to help you take creative, realistic and appropriate “next steps” in your household. It doesn’t matter where you are starting from – everyone can take a step. It is the direction that is important. Nevertheless, this covenant will challenge you.

The process of the Covenant is a process of thinking Biblically, and it involves three steps:

1. Attempting to see the world clearly. In each area of the Covenant we begin by asking, ‘What’s the problem here?’
2. Hearing God’s voice through the Bible. What principles does the Bible teach in each area of the Covenant?
3. Translating the Biblical message into our contexts. What practical changes can we begin to make?

A Household Covenant Bible Study resource is available from the Manna Gum website (see below).

The Household Covenant in a nutshell.

1. Write down at least one goal for a change your household will seek to make in each of the seven areas, over the next twelve months.
2. At the end of the twelve months re-visit your goals and see how you went.
3. Set new goals (or renew old ones) for the next twelve months.

For more information visit www.mannagum.org.au

OUR HOUSEHOLD COVENANT

For the household of

AREA	GOAL	DATE
<i>1. Work & Leisure</i>		
<i>2. Consumption</i>		
<i>3. Environment</i>		
<i>4. Giving</i>		
<i>5. Savings & Investment</i>		
<i>6. Debt</i>		
<i>7. Poverty</i>		