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# **GIVING**

## *Does the Bible give guidelines on how much I should give to the church?*

- A "Tenth" according to the Old Testament (Mal. 3:10).
- According to the New Testament:
- As I have decided in my heart (2 Cor. 9:7).
- As a reflection of my thankfulness for His love (Luke 7:47).
- To the measure that it really effects my living standards (Mark 12:44; 1 Cor. 8:3).

## *Practical guidelines on how much and how in our context.*

- We suggest 5% of your net salary after tax as a regular giving, by means of a direct debit order or scheduled payment or placed in an envelope in the offering tray.
- Weekly offerings for specific diaconal needs will be gathered on Sundays, over and above the regular giving.

## *The principles behind giving*

- Although we struggle to remember this, everything belongs to God (Ps. 24:1).
- Giving starts with me giving myself and everything I am and have back to God because of what Jesus has done (Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:5).
- I do this out of gratitude and with joy, because He has bought me back and I belong to Him (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 9:5-8).
- I give myself (all that I am and have) to Him to use in the coming of His kingdom (Matt. 6:33).

## *Money and God's Kingdom*

My money is just one of the things I need to use in the coming of God's kingdom, but it is an important thing.

- I need to be a good steward of what he has given me (Gen. 1:28; Matt. 25:14-30).
- Be on guard for the power of money (Eccles. 5:10; 1 Tim. 6:10; Heb. 13:5).
- I may enjoy my money (Eccles. 5:17).
- Use and give away sums of money for Kingdom work (2 Cor. 8:2-7; 9:7).

## *When am I using money for Kingdom work?*

- When I use money to care for my biological family (1 Tim. 5:8).
- When I use money to care for my faith-family (diaconal work inside) (Acts 2:42-47; Gal. 6:10).
- When I use money to care for the poor (diaconal work outside) (2 Thess. 3:13; Gal. 6:10; Acts 20:35).
- When I contribute to set people apart to equip the saints for their ministry and preach the gospel full-time (Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18; 1 Cor. 9:3-18).
- When I contribute to ensure that all opportunities to spread the gospel and further God's kingdom are utilized! (Col. 4:5).

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