

Proportionate Giving

Money is one of the most important and sensitive topics addressed in Scripture. Jesus talked a great deal about money. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of 10 verses, 288 in all, deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. Yet we as Christians are very uncomfortable talking about money. However, our whole life is a partnership with God. We cannot “give” anything to God; but we can “fulfill” God by using our gifts wisely and sharing with others. Giving proportionately of our gifts to the church is a “Symbolic Act” ... the offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God.

As stewards of God’s world we are called to serve God out of love and gratitude for the gifts we have been given. We know that it’s **not** how much we have but what we **do** with **what we have** that is important. The money you give to your church to support Christ’s mission among people everywhere is a portion of the money you have. It represents a certain amount of your income. So, whether or not you are intentional about it, you are already a proportionate giver. But it is crucially important to be intentional about it. The Bible clearly advocated deliberate, planned giving in proportion to what we have.

Our church has long stressed giving a deliberately chosen percentage of income. For those who want to become an intentional proportionate giver, this table, will help .

We ask God to help us, who have received so freely from Him to give as freely in our turn and so share the blessedness of giving, as well as the happiness of receiving.

PERCENTAGE GIVING TABLE

	ANNUAL COMMITMENT					
INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$ 10,000	\$ 200	\$ 400	\$ 600	\$ 800	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
\$ 20,000	400	800	1,200	1,600	2,000	3,000
\$ 30,000	600	1,200	1,800	2,400	3,000	4,500
\$ 40,000	800	1,600	2,400	3,200	4,000	6,000
\$ 50,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	7,500
\$ 75,000	1,500	3,000	4,500	6,000	7,500	11,250
\$ 100,000	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	15,000
\$ 150,000	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	22,500
\$ 200,000	4,000	8,000	12,000	16,000	20,000	30,000
\$ 250,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	37,500
\$ 500,000	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	75,000