

My Offerings Commitment

The Lord gave us of his best – not only our world and our very existence, but our rescue and care. He gave his one and only Son and lavished us with love by calling us his children. As his children we are blessed by him, represent him, and become heirs of eternal glory with Christ. That is our greatest relationship and our precious identity.

How do your offerings honor your God? How do they show you are his children? “‘I have loved you,’ says the LORD...A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me?” Malachi 1:2, 6

My Seven Step Worksheet (see other side of page for proportionate giving chart)

1. My/our present income is \$_____ (per week/month/year).
2. A 10% benchmark would be \$_____.
3. Presently, I/we give \$_____ (which equals _____% of my/our income).
4. I/we are willing to sacrifice _____ (activity/possession) to keep our priority on Christ.
5. In view of how God treasures us, I/we will increase our offering by ____% (1%, 3%, 5%, 7%, etc.) of my/our income to carry out gospel ministry.
6. This will amount to \$_____ per week for a total of \$_____ per year that I/we will give through my congregational offerings to honor the Lord.
7. I/we will consider additional special gifts available for gospel ministry and set aside _____ (amount or project) for _____ (special focus).

Your offerings are part of your worship of your God.

How do your offerings reflect your faith? How do they honor your God? Prayerfully consider...

- your **IDENTITY** as a child of God through Christ and all the spiritual and physical blessings he has given you,
- the **PRIORITY** God has in your life as you manage his gifts for his glory and purposes,
- your monetary offerings as an investment in our God-given **MISSION** which brings eternal dividends as it touches treasured souls, and
- what proportion of all God has entrusted to you that you intend to set as a regular offering to him.

Guidelines for offerings:

1. **Priority** = *firstfruits giving (to God first and living wisely with the rest)*
2. **Personal** = *freewill giving (giving from the heart)*
3. **Proportional** = *beginning with an understanding of percentage giving*
4. **Privilege** = *generous giving*

To grasp the reality of your offerings in proportion to the financial resources he has given (and what you spend elsewhere) find your salary on the following chart. Then figure out what that means per week (divide by 52) or per day (divide by 365).

Proportionate Giving Chart

Annual Income	2%	3%	5%	6%	10%	11%	14%	15%
\$10,000	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,400	\$1,500
\$20,000	\$400	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,800	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$600	\$900	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$3,300	\$4,200	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$4,400	\$5,600	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,500
\$60,000	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$6,600	\$8,400	\$9,000
\$70,000	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$4,200	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$9,800	\$10,500
\$80,000	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$8,000	\$8,800	\$11,200	\$12,000
\$90,000	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$5,400	\$9,000	\$9,900	\$12,600	\$13,500
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$14,000	\$15,000

What if everyone increased their personal plate and envelope giving by a percentage?			
Our church would see an increase in revenues by:			
		1%	\$14,271
		2%	\$28,543
		3%	\$42,815
		4%	\$57,086
		5%	\$71,358
		6%	\$85,630
		7%	\$99,902
		8%	\$114,173
		9%	\$128,445
		10%	\$142,717

Plate and Envelope Budget - \$1,427,100.00

Monthly need - \$118,925.00

Weekly need - \$27,444.23