

Giving Guide

organised
.church

What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. **1 Corinthians 9.18**

It's a Christian responsibility and privilege to financially support gospel ministry, so that gospel workers can keep sharing the Good News about Jesus 'free of charge'.

How Much?

Some Christians are taught that they should give 10% of their income to church, based on the Old Testament law of the 'tithe'. However, the New Testament tells us that 'we are not under law but under grace' (Romans 6.14). It also teaches that giving is not about the numbers but our hearts (Matthew 6.19-21, Mark 12.41-44).

The tithe is a helpful starting-point to think about giving. But our freedom in Christ means that if we're experiencing financial hardship, we're free to give less. Or if we're enjoying financial prosperity, we're free to give more. With Christian giving the question is never 'How much must I give?' but is instead 'How much can I give?'

Also, for most of us, our local church won't be the only ministry we want to financially support. Many Christians have a godly desire to support charities, missionaries and other institutions or individuals working to spread the Good News about Jesus. Some of us might end up giving more to recipients like these than we give to our church.

Having said all that, at the end of the day we'll all 'pick a number', either for a one-off or recurring gift to support our church. Here are some tips to help you with that:

- Pray for the grace to determine a generous and responsible amount to give.
- Seek financial reports or updates to understand the church's financial needs.
- Work out (or inquire) how much it costs to run the church per person per week.
- Consider what percentage of your income you'd gladly give to support the church.

Bank Details

To support the church via a one-off or recurring financial transfer use these details:

Account Name
BSB Number
Account Number

Additional Information

Transparency

We are committed to financial transparency and integrity. We provide an annual financial report and budget at our AGM, and at other times can request that report or the latest monthly financial report from our Treasurer or from the Senior Minister.

Confidentiality

The ministry staff do not receive and cannot access information about any person's giving. Such information is limited to people in church finance roles (e.g. Treasurer, bookkeeper). For more information about confidentiality ask to see our Privacy Policy.

Bequests

Bequeathing an amount or proportion of your estate in your will can help the church achieve ambitious projects (e.g. staff or property expansion). The will can specify the way the bequest needs to be used or that can be left to the church's discretion.