

Giving

Reasons Why I Don't Want to Preach this Sermon

- I don't want to appear greedy, needy, complaining, or demanding
- I don't like trying to influence people's decisions about money
- Most people don't come to worship services to hear a lesson about money
- This congregation might not need any instruction on giving

Reasons Why I Ought to Preach this Sermon

- In order to declare the whole counsel of God
- In order to fulfill a request of the elders of this congregation
- Because this congregation might need instruction on giving

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- As of April 2014, our year-over-year giving is down 22%
- Much of this change is due to members moving away and financial hardships we have suffered
- But it is certainly a good time to think about our giving and make sure we understand our obligations

How are we to Give?

- On the first day of the week
- As we have prospered

1 Corinthians 16:1–2 (ESV)

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. **2** On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

How are we to Give?

- On the first day of the week
- As we have prospered
- According to our means
- Having first given ourselves to God

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 (ESV)

1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, **2** for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. **3** For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, **4** begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— **5** and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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- Bountifully
- As we decide in our heart
- Not reluctantly or under compulsion
- Cheerfully

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (ESV)

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

What Are Contributed Funds Used For?

- Supporting the preacher's work
- Providing and maintaining our place of worship
- Teaching materials
- Helping needy saints here and other places
- Foreign evangelism

How much are we to Give?

- As we have prospered
- According to our means
- As we decide in our heart
- No required percentage, i.e. no tithing!

Weekly Contribution as a Percentage of Annual Income

| | \$10K | \$20K | \$30K | \$40K | \$50K | \$60K | \$70K | \$80K | \$90K | \$100K |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1% | \$ 2 | \$ 4 | \$ 6 | \$ 8 | \$ 10 | \$ 12 | \$ 13 | \$ 15 | \$ 17 | \$ 19 |
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| 3% | \$ 6 | \$ 12 | \$ 17 | \$ 23 | \$ 29 | \$ 35 | \$ 40 | \$ 46 | \$ 52 | \$ 58 |
| 4% | \$ 8 | \$ 15 | \$ 23 | \$ 31 | \$ 38 | \$ 46 | \$ 54 | \$ 62 | \$ 69 | \$ 77 |
| 5% | \$ 10 | \$ 19 | \$ 29 | \$ 38 | \$ 48 | \$ 58 | \$ 67 | \$ 77 | \$ 87 | \$ 96 |
| 6% | \$ 12 | \$ 23 | \$ 35 | \$ 46 | \$ 58 | \$ 69 | \$ 81 | \$ 92 | \$ 104 | \$ 115 |
| 7% | \$ 13 | \$ 27 | \$ 40 | \$ 54 | \$ 67 | \$ 81 | \$ 94 | \$ 108 | \$ 121 | \$ 135 |
| 8% | \$ 15 | \$ 31 | \$ 46 | \$ 62 | \$ 77 | \$ 92 | \$ 108 | \$ 123 | \$ 138 | \$ 154 |
| 9% | \$ 17 | \$ 35 | \$ 52 | \$ 69 | \$ 87 | \$ 104 | \$ 121 | \$ 138 | \$ 156 | \$ 173 |
| 10% | \$ 19 | \$ 38 | \$ 58 | \$ 77 | \$ 96 | \$ 115 | \$ 135 | \$ 154 | \$ 173 | \$ 192 |
| 11% | \$ 21 | \$ 42 | \$ 63 | \$ 85 | \$ 106 | \$ 127 | \$ 148 | \$ 169 | \$ 190 | \$ 212 |
| 12% | \$ 23 | \$ 46 | \$ 69 | \$ 92 | \$ 115 | \$ 138 | \$ 162 | \$ 185 | \$ 208 | \$ 231 |
| 13% | \$ 25 | \$ 50 | \$ 75 | \$ 100 | \$ 125 | \$ 150 | \$ 175 | \$ 200 | \$ 225 | \$ 250 |
| 14% | \$ 27 | \$ 54 | \$ 81 | \$ 108 | \$ 135 | \$ 162 | \$ 188 | \$ 215 | \$ 242 | \$ 269 |
| 15% | \$ 29 | \$ 58 | \$ 87 | \$ 115 | \$ 144 | \$ 173 | \$ 202 | \$ 231 | \$ 260 | \$ 288 |

Weekly Contribution as a Percentage of Annual Income

| | \$120K | \$140K | \$160K | \$180K | \$200K | \$220K | \$240K | \$260K | \$280K | \$300K |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1% | \$ 23 | \$ 27 | \$ 31 | \$ 35 | \$ 38 | \$ 42 | \$ 46 | \$ 50 | \$ 54 | \$ 58 |
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| 5% | \$ 115 | \$ 135 | \$ 154 | \$ 173 | \$ 192 | \$ 212 | \$ 231 | \$ 250 | \$ 269 | \$ 288 |
| 6% | \$ 138 | \$ 162 | \$ 185 | \$ 208 | \$ 231 | \$ 254 | \$ 277 | \$ 300 | \$ 323 | \$ 346 |
| 7% | \$ 162 | \$ 188 | \$ 215 | \$ 242 | \$ 269 | \$ 296 | \$ 323 | \$ 350 | \$ 377 | \$ 404 |
| 8% | \$ 185 | \$ 215 | \$ 246 | \$ 277 | \$ 308 | \$ 338 | \$ 369 | \$ 400 | \$ 431 | \$ 462 |
| 9% | \$ 208 | \$ 242 | \$ 277 | \$ 312 | \$ 346 | \$ 381 | \$ 415 | \$ 450 | \$ 485 | \$ 519 |
| 10% | \$ 231 | \$ 269 | \$ 308 | \$ 346 | \$ 385 | \$ 423 | \$ 462 | \$ 500 | \$ 538 | \$ 577 |
| 11% | \$ 254 | \$ 296 | \$ 338 | \$ 381 | \$ 423 | \$ 465 | \$ 508 | \$ 550 | \$ 592 | \$ 635 |
| 12% | \$ 277 | \$ 323 | \$ 369 | \$ 415 | \$ 462 | \$ 508 | \$ 554 | \$ 600 | \$ 646 | \$ 692 |
| 13% | \$ 300 | \$ 350 | \$ 400 | \$ 450 | \$ 500 | \$ 550 | \$ 600 | \$ 650 | \$ 700 | \$ 750 |
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