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Next Step

Giving.



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Proverbs 3:9-10

1 What is a step in giving?

Giving is an expression of thankfulness and obedience to God. It comes from a heart of worship recognising that all we have is from God and belongs to God. We are called to take care of what God has given us and use it for His kingdom. We love being a part of a community of faith and helping to resource the mission to reach the people of Sydney.

2 Why do we give?

WE GIVE BECAUSE HE GAVE

Giving is a response to a God that gave his all. **John 3:16** says *“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”*, giving is a moment of gratitude and worship for that incredible gift and a great way to participate in all He is doing through His Kingdom.

TO HONOUR GOD

Giving is an act of honour, submission and placing God first in our lives. **Proverbs 3:9-10** says *Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Giving is an act of honouring God with our money and resources with a grateful heart for all he has given us.*

GIVING IS A SACRIFICIAL ACT OF OBEDIENCE

Giving is an act of obedience to Jesus and to His Word that teaches us to give as good stewards of what belongs to God for his purposes and to help the poor. Jesus confirmed the need to give in **Luke 6:38** and he also commends sacrificial giving when observing the widow giving her two small copper coins (**Luke 21:1-4**). The Bible teaches us to give in **1 Corinthians 16:2**, **2 Corinthians 8:9-15**, **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**, **Acts 20:35**, **1 Timothy 6:17-19** and **Matthew 6:1-4**.

GIVING ENGAGES OUR HEART IN GENEROSITY

Giving releases our heart from the love of money and helps us to keep a generous spirit (**1 Tim 6:6-10**). Sometimes we can trust in money for our security, giving allows us to realign our hearts to be generous people. We manage our money as a resource to bless others.

TO STEWARD WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US

We want to be good stewards of the jobs and finances that God has given us. Jesus indicates that our generosity in giving determines what resources God will place in our hands (**Luke 6:38**) which is echoed by Paul (**2 Cor 9:6**).

WE GIVE FREELY WITH A CHEERFUL HEART

Christian giving should be done freely, not grudgingly or under compulsion but with a cheerful heart for the blessing that God has given us (**2 Corinthians 9:7**).

GOD GIVES US RESOURCES TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE IN NEED

2 Corinthians 9:8 says that “*God is able to bless you so that you can have all you need and abound in every good work*”. God wants to bless you so that you have what you need but also, he has given you resources so that you can help those who are in need. As good stewards we are called to be generous on all occasions (**2 Cor 9:11**), helping those in need, feeding the hungry, taking care of the poor (**Prov 22:9**).

3 How to take this step?

Here are some guidelines for participating in this step:

SET ASIDE WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE

The Bible speaks about setting aside the finances you are going to give; this is a great way to ensure that the ‘*first fruits*’ (**Proverbs 3:9**) remains set apart for God.

1 Corinthians 16:2

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.”


GIVE WITHIN THE MEANS OF YOUR INCOME

1 Corinthians 16:2 confirms that your giving should be *“in keeping with your income.”* The amount we give is different for everyone because our incomes are different.

WHAT IS A TITHE?

We believe that the Old Testament provides us with a pattern of a generous God and our response of generosity to honour him with our finances. Abraham gave a tithe (which means 10%) to Melchizedek to honour God and as an act of faith in **Genesis 14:20**. We believe that as New Testament believers we are not required to tithe under the conditions of the law, however as Abraham tithed to honour God as a man of faith, this is a great example for us as a starting point to be the generous sacrificial givers that we are encouraged to be in the New Testament (**Acts 2:45**).





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2 Corinthians 9:8

GIVE THE WAY IT WORKS FOR YOU

Some people give weekly, some people fortnightly, some use eftpos, others put in cash. We would encourage you to use direct debit, it's a great option to participate in regular giving and it minimizes any financial transaction fees. Just remember it is out of a heart of gratefulness and generosity that we honour God with our finances and the first fruits of what he has given us, so how you do it is your choice and whatever works best with your finances.

GIVE WITH WISDOM

We believe that God blesses us with finances for food, living expenses, to invest in our future and to give. **2 Corinthians 9:10** says *“God provides seed for you to sow and bread for you to eat”*. There may be a time where you feel called to give sacrificially, we advise that you do this with thoughtful consideration in consultation with the godly counsel around you. We need to ensure we are good stewards and recognise the resources to “sow” and the resources to “eat.” Your giving, even in a sacrificial moment should not be taken from your rent/mortgage payments or food budget.

THERE ARE A FEW DIFFERENT WAYS THAT YOU CAN GIVE.

You can send direct credit, give online or text to give. All of those options are easy to access through our website c3syd.church/give or scan the QR code here!





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