

# King's Church Family Practice...

Looking at giving

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Why ?

How ?

How not to.



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“Get understanding!” Proverbs 4:7

“Why do we need to understand giving?”

1. The Word of God talks about it.
2. It is part of our worship
3. It is an indicator of being “family”
4. Gods work doesn't get done without it.
5. God wants us to know the blessing of giving & giving away. Individually and as a church family.
6. Because money (and giving it) can be a real issue.

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The foundation of our giving.....

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.*

*Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honour come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.*

*But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.*

1 Chronicles 29:11-14

***“Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”***

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a) The Biblical manner of any giving...

... and not just money!

*"Give generously...without a begrudging heart."*

Deuteronomy 15:10

*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."*

Proverbs 11:25

*"Freely you have received, freely give."*

Matthew 10:8

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

Acts 20:35

*"God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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## b) The Powerful Effect of Giving

- **Identifies priorities.**

*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Matthew 6:33**

- Because we are kingdom-minded, this prioritises our lives.
- We seek God's kingdom and His righteousness **FIRST**.
- We are **kingdom** people with **kingdom** priorities, and we understand there is a **kingdom** timetable.
- We are not our own, it is not **OUR** vision, or **OUR** plans, **OUR** money – it's all His!

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## b) The Powerful Effect of Giving

- **Challenges possessiveness.**

*You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today.*

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

- We don't 'own' anything !
- We are to be good stewards of what God has given us. We are held accountable to Him for how we have used the blessings He has given.
- It's not mine – it's all His!

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## b) The Powerful Effect of Giving

- **Expresses commitment and enthusiasm to the work of God.**

*For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.*

**2 Corinthians 9:2-3**

- God loves it when we give ... and give enthusiastically.

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## b) The Powerful Effect of Giving

- **Reinforces the principle of fellowship.**

*All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.*

**Acts 4:32**

- It wasn't about 'me' and 'mine' - but 'ours' !
- There was a deep sense of commitment to one-another.
- No wonder God was free to move in power amongst them –

**everything was at His disposal !**



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## b) The Powerful Effect of Giving

- **Enables Kingdom purposes to be continually fulfilled.**

*“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”*

**2 Corinthians 9:11**

Paul's prayer was that God would bless His people 'in every way' SO THAT they may be able to give generously 'on every occasion' and that this giving would lead to thanksgiving to God – simple!

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## Dealing with the 'T' word!

Tithing - not originally founded in Old Testament law.

Tithing *predates* the law given to Moses. Tithing was *incorporated* into the law and given form.

Originally tithing didn't just cover money!

It was seen as a tenth of the produce of land and stock – and God came first.

Actually, if you add up all the laid out requirements of giving in the Old Testament, it actually comes to around **40%**!

**Now THAT'S some serious giving!**

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But essentially, what the Bible teaches is that God comes first – in everything, and He has first access to our resources.

A 'GOD FIRST' response was highlighted by Jesus in **Luke 11:42** and **Matthew 22:21**.

*<sup>42</sup>"Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone."*

Note that Jesus' comment was to correct what they didn't do, **NOT** to correct what they did do. It's not fresh teaching, but 'confirmation' of the basic principle, '*....and not neglected the former*'

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## Dealing with the 'T' word!

So we don't teach tithing –  
we encourage giving that is **PROPORTIONAL** !

*"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you."*

*Deutoronomy 16:10-17*

However, we **do** encourage that God comes **first** in our total giving!

- We give Him all our praise - first
- We give Him all our worship – first.
- We give Him all our lives - first.
- We give Him our gifts – first.

Giving proportionally is part of our worship.

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## Dealing with the 'T' word!

We are not under law!

However..... we are inheritors of God's promises, God's instruction, and God's prophetic words.

Therefore we live with God's principles for life.

The Old Testament is full of giving blessing to, and honouring of God through giving. It has tithes, gifts, offerings, multiple tithes etc.

There are numerous testimonies given to God's generous people and God's promise of blessing.

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## Dealing with the 'T' word!

There are strong Biblical principles (both Old & New Testament) encouraging God's people to be generous in their giving – and it was much more than just finances!

One thing they were always assured of – they would be provided for by their God. He always encouraged them by his faithfulness to their generosity.

They couldn't out-give God and nor can we!

God keeps His promises!

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## Dealing with the 'T' word!

How much is a proportion ?  
That's for each individual to decide.

**Giving generously is New Testament**

**Giving sacrificially is New Testament**

**Giving is seen as a blessing in the New Testament**

The words “generously” and “sacrificially” appear to indicate that the early churches were not scratching around for loose change.

They gave because they recognised that God had given to them –it was **all His anyway!**

Some at King's give 10%...some give more...some give less.

However much is given - it is free-will giving.

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## How do we give?

### a) The spirit and manner of our giving

It's interesting to note that when Israel were living in right relationship with the Lord and each other, their 'offerings' had to be *restrained*.  
**(Exodus 35:29, 36:1-7).**

In other words, where the Spirit of the Lord is leading the givers – there is more than enough to do the work!



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## How do we give?

The spirit and manner of our giving...

**Caringly** - The new 'church-plant' in Jerusalem refers to there being no needy people amongst them.

**Faith-fully** -where the poor widow gives everything she has-and it is noted by Jesus.

*<sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. <sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

Mark 12: 43-44

This shows that God **does** notice how (and not just how much) we give!

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**How do we give?**

**The spirit and manner of our giving...**

***Generously* - the giving should be generous, noting that it is just not possible to 'out-give' God!**

**Romans 12:8, and Proverbs 11:25**

**Generosity is not primarily about the amount!**

**It is primarily the attitude first...**

**... then the ability...**

**... then the amount.**

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## How do we give?

The spirit and manner of our giving...

***Humbly*** - without drawing attention –don't make a big thing about it. We can learn the lessons from Jesus' teaching as to how God accepts humble giving.

***Sacrificially*** -The giving from the Macedonian Church (as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 8) demonstrates costly giving to support not only their own 'giving to the Lord', but also to support others -and they gave out of hardship!

Paul used the sacrificial giving of the poorer Macedonians to challenge the relatively poor giving of the richer Corinthians!

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The spirit and manner of our giving.....

*Proportionally* – giving a proportion of income/wealth.

*Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

*As a ministry of the Spirit* – a spiritual gift-

Paul refers to ministry gifts of the Spirit and includes giving (mentioned with the more “usual” gifts).

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously.*

Romans 12: 6-8

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**How do we give?**

**The spirit and manner of our giving.....**

***Considerately***-We are encouraged to '*give what we have decided in our hearts to give*' (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**We are encouraged to prayerfully think about our giving.**

***Planned & Regularly***- giving should be done in a managed way not just "as I am led by the Spirit" – an oft used modern euphemism to explain casual, and lacking discipline and commitment.

***1 Corinthians 16:2***

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**How do we give?**

**The spirit and manner of our giving.....**

***According to our ability to give***

**– giving was not carried out rashly or irresponsibly.**

***The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea.***

**Acts 11: 29**

***Cheerfully – from a glad heart***

**- NOT reluctantly, nor begrudgingly.**

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

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**...and finally...it's all His anyway.**

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Other useful reading:

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## Any questions?

*If you have any questions them please ask.*

*We think that our approach is sound and understandable.*

*But there may well be something we've missed, or not explained well.*

*Please speak with the leadership if you need any clarification.*

*We have Bank Forms for those giving directly, and Gift Aid forms for those who pay Tax.*

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