



# GIVING

## DISCOVER THE HEART OF GOD

Zion Church is committed to helping our members grow in all areas of spiritual growth, including generosity. Generosity begins with the biblical understanding that God owns everything. When we believe nothing really belongs to us and that we are only managers, we can begin the generosity journey, allowing God to give us a heart that loves to give.

Like many other areas of spiritual growth, financial generosity isn't something that comes naturally to most people. We must exercise our generosity to grow in the habit of giving. However, when we give out of love for Christ, and with a generous heart, it causes many changes within us.

### HERE ARE A FEW TO THINK ABOUT:

- It increases our intimacy and directs our attention and heart to Christ.
- It increases our character, conforming us to Christ's image as an unselfish giver.
- It helps us realize the true ownership of ALL of our possessions is really God, alone.
- It teaches us to trust and submit everything to God.
- It is our greatest weapon against the idolatry of money and its illusion of power in our lives.

Giving is a part of our corporate worship at Zion. We believe giving cheerfully, regularly, and sacrificially is an act of worship that blesses the giver as much as the receiver. Among many reasons the scriptures give us for why we should give, one that should move your heart most directly, is because giving makes us more like Christ. Giving is absolutely essential to becoming a mature disciple of Jesus.

**FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO. - MATTHEW 6:21**

**YOURS, LORD, IS THE GREATNESS AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY AND THE MAJESTY AND THE SPLendor, FOR EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN AND EARTH IS YOURS. YOURS, LORD, IS THE KINGDOM; YOU ARE EXALTED AS HEAD OVER ALL.**

**WEALTH AND HONOR COME FROM YOU; YOU ARE THE RULER OF ALL THINGS. IN YOUR HANDS ARE STRENGTH AND POWER TO EXALT AND GIVE STRENGTH TO ALL. - 1 CHRONICLES 29:11-12**

**BE SURE TO SET ASIDE A TENTH OF ALL THAT YOUR FIELDS PRODUCE EACH YEAR. EAT THE TITHE OF YOUR GRAIN, NEW WINE AND OLIVE OIL, AND THE FIRSTBORN OF YOUR HERDS AND FLOCKS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD AT THE PLACE HE WILL CHOOSE AS A DWELLING FOR HIS NAME, SO THAT YOU MAY LEARN TO REVERE THE LORD YOUR GOD ALWAYS.**

**- DEUTERONOMY 14:22-23**



We realize that everybody is at a different place on their generosity journey, but our hope is that together we will move forward in giving.

## SOME OF US ARE;

**BEGINNERS.** First-time givers or individuals who aren't yet ready for regular giving. Take your time; you are on a journey.

**LEARNERS.** You have made the commitment to give regularly, but aren't yet giving ten percent of your income. Faith grows one percent at a time.

**CORE GIVERS.** People who support the work of Zion through ten percent of their income.

**LAVISH GIVERS.** Those who give above and beyond ten percent. These people have learned deep generosity over years of walking with Jesus. Many have the gift of giving.

Through generosity, we join with Jesus in furthering His work in the world, funding the life-changing ministry of the church. Our generosity reminds us that this world is not our home. It helps us to live with meaning and purpose.

## WHAT IS THE EASIEST WAY TO BECOME A REGULAR GIVER?

Give online at [WWW.ZIONLIFE.COM/GIVING](http://WWW.ZIONLIFE.COM/GIVING). It is possible to make a one-time gift or schedule a reoccurring donation. There are three steps. It is simple, secure, and will only take a few moments to go through the process. Zion Church is a 501c3 organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

## WHAT IF YOU ARE NOT READY TO GIVE ONLINE BUT STILL WANT TO GIVE REGULARLY?

Go to Guest Services and receive a box of offering envelopes. You will be given a specific box number that helps track your contributions. Each envelop is dated to help you make regular offerings.

## WHERE DOES YOUR OFFERING GO?

All contributions go into Zion's general fund and are administered based on the current year's approved budget. Zion's fiscal year goes from July-June. The budget is prepared by the leadership and confirmed by Zion's members. If you would like to see the budget please speak to your Campus Pastor.

No matter where you are on your generosity journey, thank you for entrusting your resources to Zion Church and assisting us in the mission of helping people discover life in Jesus. If you have more questions or would like more information, please contact your Campus Pastor.

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**- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7**

