



The Bible teaches us to wisely steward all we have been given. This means we are held accountable for what we have. Paul instructed the early church in Corinth to grow in generosity toward God and others. We believe this instruction was not only for the early church but for all of us today. The result of financial generosity does a number of things in and through us such as: blessing others, fighting materialism, the re-orienting of our hearts, building our faith, and embracing contentment.

The tithe is the action that outwardly acknowledges our trust in God concerning our finances. The tithe is the first 10 percent of all of our increase.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE MONEY TO MY CHURCH?

You are investing in eternity by giving financially. Giving at Ringgold is a way for believers to tangibly invest in our mission and vision.

When you give, you are making a difference in the lives of kids, students, and families in our church, community, and around the world. Together, we are using our resources to change lives with the incredible message of Jesus.

Here is a great discussion provided by StudentDevos.com that is spot on with giving and what you may be feeling... take a read:

You might be thinking, who cares if I give? The Bible talks about giving, but I'll do that when I get older and have more money. I mean, what difference does my few dollars in the offering at church really make? In reality, your giving is a big thing. We're going to show you a few reasons why.

1. **Your gift means something to Jesus.** There is a story in Luke about a widow in the temple that demonstrates that giving means something to Jesus. *"Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two pennies. 'I assure you,' he said, 'this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them.'" – Luke 22:2-3 (NLT)*
Jesus noticed the widow in the temple when she gave. It made an impact on Jesus, and he made a big enough deal about it that it was recorded in the Bible.

This lets you know that Jesus takes notice when you give with the right heart, no matter how much the amount.

2. **Giving helps you.** Yes, you read that right. By giving, you're setting yourself up to be blessed in the future. The Bible talks about giving a lot. One verse that proves this is in Luke 6:38 – *“Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.”* (TEV)

Giving will set you up to be blessed by God in the future. God wants to see you blessed and giving is one way to plant seeds for blessing in your future.

3. **Never feel your gift is too small.** Its easy to start believing that what you have is too small to give. However, if you wait to give until you think you have enough money, you'll NEVER become a giver. You will never feel like you have ENOUGH money, so start with with what you have now. As you continue to give, you'll find that you can bump up your giving. The important thing is to start now and make giving a habit in your life.

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give” – Sir Winston Churchill

Pray: God I thank you that you want me to have more than enough money. I'm deciding to put you first in my finances. I know that as I give, you will pour blessings back into my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOW DO I GIVE?

ONLINE: ringgoldchurch.com

APP: Church Center App

TEXT: Text giving amount to 84321 (instructions will for text giving will respond)

IN PERSON: Giving boxes located on walls by all exits