

Grow Your Giving

The only amount indicated in the Bible for regular giving is the command given to Israel under the Old Covenant. It was the practice of giving a tithe, or one tenth, of one's income (Leviticus 27:30-33, Deuteronomy 12:6-7; 26:12, Malachi 3:10). Therefore, the tithe functions as a historical reference point for faithful, regular giving to the church.

Many followers of Jesus commit to give at least 10% of their gross income to support the mission of their local church. Tithing is a sacrificial practice to remind us that everything we have is a gift from God. It reminds us that our resources are not a means to get us ahead in life but are resources to help us be a blessing to those around us. Remember, if it stretches you, it aids in your growth and dependence on God.

God calls us to grow in our devotion to him. Growing the amount we give is one way we can grow in our generosity.

Here are a few ideas for doing that:

1. Praying over your giving and ask God to give you a glimpse of how this might be shaping your own heart, and affecting the lives of those in your community.
2. Take whatever percentage you are currently giving and increase that by 1%.
3. Remove an expense from your life and add what you would normally have spent on it to your giving amount. (Ex. Cancel your streaming subscription and give the amount you save.)
4. Try increasing the amount of your giving as your gross income increases, maintaining the same amount you live on while gradually increasing your giving.