

What are the Rewards?

We seek no 'rewards' for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God.

Yet we know that God does reward stewards by filling their needs in life; by giving new opportunities to care, to share, to participate in the wholeness of life.

Stewardship is the responsibility of the Christian life, making our prayers, worship, study of the Scriptures, Christian action truly sincere.

So our whole life is a partnership with God.

We cannot 'give' anything to God; but we can 'fulfill' God by using our gifts wisely and sharing with others.

Each of us can live as God's Steward.

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required...." Luke 12: 48



How Much Should I Give?



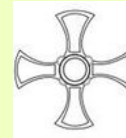
Giving money to the church is a symbolic act. It's the offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God.

Giving is a practical matter, too, because the offering makes it possible for the church to pay its bills and carry out its mission in Christ's name.

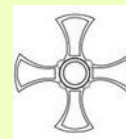
The Bible says that we should set aside our 'first fruits' so that our offering to God should be the first portion we set aside, not what remains.

Please reflect upon this proportionate giving chart as a helpful and prayerful guide and **as you are able** consider whether you'd be able to move up a step in the coming year.

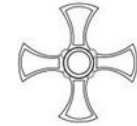
Whatever our giving level, the most significant biblical principals about giving are that we are to give cheerfully, without compulsion and in proportion to our own resources.



Annual Household	2%	4%	6%
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$60,000	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600
\$70,000	\$1,400	\$2,800	\$4,200
\$80,000	\$1,600	\$3,200	\$4,800
\$90,000	\$1,800	\$3,600	\$5,400
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$125,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
\$175,000	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$10,500
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000



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What is a Steward?

One definition states that a steward is a person who manages the affairs of a household or an estate for the owner.

In the Christian sense a steward is the manager of the affairs of God on earth.

God has made each of us a steward and has given us abilities and talents that are unique. We should use these abilities and talents to serve God.

Everything we have is given to us by God; Time, talents, health, environment, property, relationships, the Gospel.

A Christian steward serves God out of love and gratitude for these gifts knowing that it's not how much we have but what we do with what we have that is important.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 Peter 4:10

Life is the first and greatest gift of all and carries great responsibilities with it.

Life itself is a stewardship. As Christians, we know that our lives are sacred trusts. We are the stewards of those lives; God depends on us to use them to accomplish God's purposes.

Stewardship of Time



When God gives us life, we don't know how much time we have to use that life. But, whatever time we have is a gift from God, and we must use it wisely in every activity throughout the day. We must budget our hours so that we are able to give of our time to fulfill God's plan.

Stewardship of Health of Body and Mind



God gave human beings superior minds to be used to fullest capacity in discovering God's plan, in understanding self and others. We were also given bodies in which to accomplish God's work our bodies are to be treated with respect (taken care of) and not abused (harmed).

Stewardship of Talents

God gives all people potential talents when they are born. Each of us can share in God's plan in his or her own way.



The bible tells us that if we use our talents wisely, we will be better able to use them and will develop others, however but if we don't we may lose even those talents we do have.

Stewardship of Relationships



Our relationships with others are a gift from God and a measure of our stewardship for God.

At home; Providing Christian education for our children, living and growing together as a family.

At work; Showing our fellow workers the example of Christian behaviour and supportive caring.

In Church; Participating with others in worship, projects, and forming friendships.

Stewardship of The Gospel



As Christian stewards, we have been given three ways to exercise our partnership:

1. To receive the Gospel; We experience the Gospel as an act of faith in God.
2. To share the Gospel; We bring God's message into the world, that all who believe in God and have faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, will have life abundantly.
3. To reflect the Gospel; We show others by our daily living how we accept our responsibilities as Christians.

Stewardship of Property



We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. Everything that we have while we are here comes as a gift from God.

In appreciation, we choose to share a portion of these gifts. The stewardship of our property is an ongoing process. We give regularly and systematically in proportion to the gifts which we are given, the talents which earn us our possessions.

Because we love God, we gladly dedicate these gifts to God's service, and give a worthy portion in support of the ministry of our church.

