

# GLAD & GENEROUS HEARTS

## Guidelines for Regular Giving



Our vision is to see the Gold Coast saved by the cross and living for the crown of Jesus.

Our mission is to be so deeply transformed by the Word of God that we love him, love one another, serve joyfully and reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus.

If you're committed with us to our vision and mission, you'll have a desire to help it happen. To give your time and your talents, as well as your treasure. What a privilege and responsibility!

This leaflet will help you work out some of the practicalities of your regular giving. There will also be opportunities to give extra to special projects (like a building) so look out for further information about those.

## How much to give?

Before Jesus, God's people gave at least a tenth of their income to God in response to his generous blessings to them. The tenth was the 'tithe'. Think of the tithe like training wheels on a bike. It taught them what generosity looked like. It helped them get the hang of giving.

On top of the tithe they gave various 'freewill offerings'. Along with these gifts, God wanted generosity and cheerfulness - they were never meant to give legalistically or begrudgingly.

Now that Jesus has come, we still give back to God in response to his generosity to us.

Our giving is a 'fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God' (Philippians 4:18).

We have the opportunity to use our money for gospel mission. We get to invest what we can't keep for what can never be lost.

And now the tithe training wheels have come off, we get to go even faster, with less wobbles. We get to be even more generous.

God has been lavishly generous to us in the cross and the crown of Jesus. That changes us! His generosity grows in us what we call **glad and generous hearts**.

(See Acts 2:46 and 2 Corinthians 8)

*We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will ...*

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

*2 Corinthians 8:1-3,9*

So how much should we give?

Remember the training wheels and aim for that as a start. That's challenging for most people (it's meant to be; sacrifice isn't easy). But it's worth taking steps in that direction and asking God to help you more and more.

Along with your gift, make sure you add your cheerfulness and generosity. And, of course, you may decide you want to go faster and are able to give beyond a tenth.

## How to Give

You can give in a variety of ways

- Charitabl. app
- Credit card
- Bank transfer

The details of all those options are on the "Give" page of our website.

You can also give by cash through the offering box near the entrance.

## Need more info?

We'd be happy to give you further information or answer questions.

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