

TGS Financial Giving Summary

Why we should give

- † Because God is God
- † To support the work God is doing
- † Because God is our judge
- † Because of who we now are: His children through faith in Christ

But also:

- † because God loves a cheerful giver.
- † to avoid the attractive sin of the love of money.
- † to resist being mesmerised by materialism, consumerism and wealth accumulation.
- † to keep one's heart from straying, and therefore focussed on the right kingdom.
- † to grow one's faith: be further enriched in what we can do for others and what God will do in us.
- † to ensure the needs of God's people are met and therefore much thanksgiving to God.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)

How much we should give

- † When it comes to our regular weekly giving, we should at the very least tithe, that is, give at least 10% of our total income. If anything, the OT tithe simply does not capture the extent of God's amazing grace in giving us His Son, let alone provide for the resourcing of the Great Commission He has called us to. And it certainly does not capture the NT view of discipleship, which clearly demands our life, our soul, our all.
- † When it comes to other giving beyond this, such as giving to someone in need, or freewill offerings, or thank offerings and other various gifts, one would usually give in proportion to your income and as one's heart is led by the Lord.

Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

To whom we should give

- † First and foremost we should provide for those at TGS who have left their secular jobs in order to preach the gospel, instruct us in God's word and govern the affairs of our own church family.
- † To the poor and needy, and especially those in our own church family.
- † To those beyond our church family who are showing and spreading the good news of Jesus: Missionaries, Mission organisations, Para-church ministries and Aid organisations.
- † To one's local church family to ensure its healthy administration, provide modest facilities, and where possible, further its development of ministry and mission.

Remembering:

- † our ministry at TGS is entirely dependent on the giving of our church family.
- † we have no other significant sources of income.
- † we receive no money from the Diocese of North Queensland.

***Empowered by the Spirit, we are to make disciples of Jesus,
of all people of all ages, to the glory of God the Father.***