



Understanding Christian Giving

Christian giving is an act of worship, gratitude, obedience, and faithful stewardship. Everything we possess ultimately belongs to God, and giving allows us to honor Him while supporting the work of the church, caring for others, and spreading the Gospel.

Tithe

The word **tithe** means “a tenth.” Tithing is the practice of returning ten percent of our income to God through the local church. It acknowledges that God is the source of every blessing and provides support for the ongoing ministry and operation of the church.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house...” - Malachi 3:10

Tithing teaches us to place God first and to faithfully manage the resources He has entrusted to us.

“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.” - Proverbs 3:9

Offering

An **offering** is a voluntary gift given in addition to the tithe. Offerings may be given to support a particular ministry, church project, special need, or other area of Kingdom work.

The Bible teaches that offerings should be given willingly, prayerfully, and joyfully, not because of pressure or obligation.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Our offerings express our love for God and our willingness to participate in what He is doing through the church.

Benevolence Offering

A **benevolence offering** is given to help individuals and families experiencing hardship or an unexpected need. These gifts may assist with food, clothing, shelter, utilities, transportation, medical concerns, or other essential needs.

Benevolence demonstrates the compassion of Christ by allowing the church to care for those who are hurting or facing difficult circumstances.

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” - Galatians 6:10

When we give toward benevolence, we put our faith into action and remind others that they are not alone.

“Whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?” - 1 John 3:17

Missionary Offering

A **missionary offering** supports the sharing of the Gospel and the work of Christian ministry beyond the walls of the local church. These gifts may support missionaries, outreach programs, church planting, evangelism, community ministries, and efforts that serve people locally, nationally, and around the world.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” - Mark 16:15

Not everyone is called to travel to another community or country, but every believer can participate in missions through prayer, service, encouragement, and financial support.

“For his name’s sake they went forth... We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.” - 3 John 7–8

Giving Is an Act of Worship

Whether we are giving a tithe, a general offering, helping someone through benevolence, or supporting missionary work, our giving should come from a grateful and loving heart. Christian giving is not simply about money; it is about trusting God, serving people, and advancing His Kingdom.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:21