

GOD-DIRECTED GIVING

HOW DO I DECIDE WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE?

FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK MYSELF

1. Will I give based on REASON or by REVELATION?

Is my gift just what I think I can afford or is it what God wants to give through me?

2. Does this amount really stretch my FAITH?

“And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)

3. Does it show I value my hope of ETERNAL reward more than MATERIAL things on earth?

“Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NLT)

4. Does this amount represent a genuine SACRIFICE?

“But the king replied to Araunah, ‘No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing.’ So David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen.” 2 Samuel 24:24 (NLT)

5. Does this amount reflect my commitment to the church’s MISSION to share the GOOD NEWS?

“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’” Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

If you'll sincerely ask these questions, you'll be able to arrive at a specific amount to give. Best of all, it will be an amount from the LORD made by FAITH!