

Apprenticeship & Giving

Giving of our financial resources is an integral part of the apprenticeship journey. While we sometimes say that there is no 'cover charge' to attend and participate in the life of our church family, we also recognize that how we steward our money is an essential part of becoming like Jesus.

As such, we believe that part of being an apprentice of Jesus involves learning to give...

...Generously

Not under compulsion, nor begrudgingly, but joyfully! Generosity is, at its core, a lifestyle in which we share all that we have, are, and ever will become as a demonstration of God's love and a response to God's grace. We seek to combat the culture around us that elevates selfishness, excess and entitlement. We do this by taking out of that which He has provided for us and giving our tithes (the long established biblical benchmark of 10% of our earnings) and our offerings (sums above and beyond - offered out of love and devotion to God).

...Regularly

The Bible speaks, at length, about offering back to God, the first fruit of what he has entrusted to us. We seek to honour God before all others and, according to the rhythms that we receive provision (be it weekly, monthly or seasonally), to give back to Him out of a heart of thanks and devotion.

...Locally & Globally

God is the owner of everything. What we have has been given to us by God. As a result, we see the resources we possess as assets to be invested in the kingdom – both locally and globally. We encourage apprentices of Jesus to support the kingdom work of their church family as well as the work of Jesus around the world through adopting world needs and giving sacrificially to them.

Giving with these heart attitudes (sometimes called "stewardship") is more than an obligation. It's an opportunity to witness to the reckless nature of the God who gives the gift of salvation by grace to all who will receive it. Generosity is the fullest expression of the life of a steward, one who has been given a gift that must be used wisely and for a purpose, bringing glory to God.

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matthew 6:19-21