



Giving at Grace

Here at Grace, our entire income is derived from the generosity of those who give sacrificially to our ministry. We receive no other finances from central denominational funds or from government grants.

The majority of our income is used to pay pastoral staff.

We encourage you to commit to regularly giving to the work here at Grace. Our financial statements are available annually, and we publish our running totals monthly in our church bulletin.

Giving may be done in a number of ways:

- placing cash or cheque in the collection bags each week at services
- giving by direct internet deposit (details opposite)
- by posting a cheque

Giving is not tracked at Grace, and may remain entirely anonymous if you wish. We trust God's provision for our finances, and only desire that your giving is out of thankfulness towards him for his generosity shown to you through Jesus Christ.

Get in touch

If you would like to find out more about giving at Grace, please contact us using one of the channels below:

Telephone:

(07) 5445 8933

Please leave a message if no-one is available to take your call, and we will respond as soon as possible.

Email:

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Your email may be forwarded to someone who will best be able to answer your questions.

Banking details:

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Giving in the Bible

The first thing to be very clear about when it comes to giving is that everything we have is not the result of our own efforts or works, and none of it can be said to truly belong to us. Everything is given to us by God's provision (Matthew 5v45), but ultimately belongs to him (e.g. Psalm 24v1). Truly believing this is the most reliable safeguard against greed.

In the Old Testament, under the Law, giving was by means of a 'tithe': 10% of your income was given to God (Leviticus 27v30, Numbers 18). Whilst there are clear practical benefits to this practice, we believe that things have changed under Christ.

The death and resurrection of Jesus have moved us from being under Law, to being under Grace (Romans 6v14). For this reason, whilst the tithe may remain a practical guideline, it is no longer a legal requirement under God.

This is good news for some, who feel guilty at not being able to tithe on their income. This is also a challenge to those who are able to give more than 10%. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for being mean-spirited in the way that they tithed (Matthew 23v23).



Giving and the Gospel

Under the gospel, a new principle is at work: a principle of liberal generosity.

God has blessed us abundantly and generously in Jesus Christ, giving us far more than we deserve. The Bible says:

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight"

(Ephesians 1:7–8 ESV)

As a result, what we do for God is no longer the strict obedience to law, but rather the activity of a heart overflowing with gratefulness and thankfulness to God for what he has done for us in Jesus Christ.

With this in mind, the Apostle Paul teaches that giving is a matter between an individual and God, and which flows directly from their own experience and understanding of salvation in Jesus Christ.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

(2 Corinthians 9:7–8 ESV)

This passage also assumes that we trust the Lord not just with providing what we need to live, but also what we need to give.

We encourage Biblical giving at Grace not because we want to make money, but because we want to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and share with you in that joyful work.

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