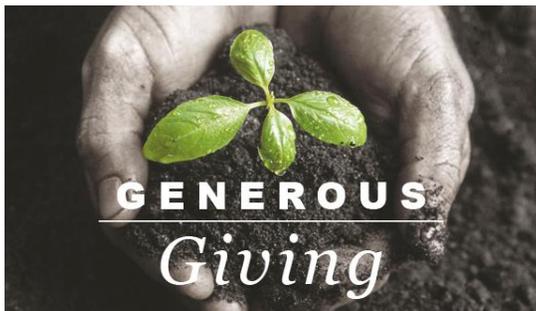


# Stewardship Resources

Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will  
be also.

Luke 12:34



## GOD'S GENEROSITY AND OUR RESPONSE?

God gives to us abundantly and graciously every day. Scripture shows us that God's giving is characterized by extravagance.

Many of Jesus' parables and his actions involve sharing of food, financial resources, and time. In fact, the Bible has over 2,300 verses that directly deal with money, wealth, and possessions. The challenge for the disciples of Jesus is to be prepared to do whatever is needed to align their way of living and giving to reflect the principles laid out in these passages.

Generous giving should be:

- a priority - Deut 26:2-3, 1 Cor 16:2, 2 Cor 8:5
- prayful - 1 Chron 29:10-14
- planned - 2 Cor 9:7
- proportionate - 1 Cor 16:2, 2 Cor 8:11-13
- given in community - Acts 2:42-47, 2 Cor 8:13-14
- sacrificial - Luke 21:1-4, 2 Cor 9:7-8
- cheerfully and joyfully given - 2 Cor 9:7-8



The scope of Christian giving is not just financial giving but how we use the money, time talents, and possessions God has entrusted to us. Generous giving should become second nature to us, and as it becomes so, our living and our giving are transformed to start to resemble the overflowing generosity of God.

## WEEKLY GIVING

Your monetary gifts to the church can be tax deductible (as long as you are not receiving a tangible good in return). There are several different options for your weekly giving.

- **Online giving through our website** - You can donate through our website to our General Fund as well as Special Offerings throughout the year.
- **EFT** - The church finance office can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account on a schedule of your choosing (ie. Weekly, EO Week, Monthly).
- **Weekly Offering Plate** - Checks or cash. Cash given must be identified with your name on an envelope if you would like to receive an annual giving statement for taxes. There are blank envelopes at the back of the sanctuary for your use.
- **Envelopes** - We have the option to have preprinted envelopes sent to you with your name and address. If you are interested in this option, please contact the church office or indicate your request on your response card.
- **Mail** - Gifts can also be mailed to the church if you are not able to give in person or you forget your envelope that week.



Contact an usher today or Danae Turner and Ashley Gallagher in the church office during the week, and we'll do our best to help you with any questions.

## OTHER GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in giving something other than monetary resources? There are other options such as:

**Gifts of Stock:** Linglestown Life can accept gifts of stock. For tax purposes the best choice for these gifts are securities that have been held for at least 12 months and have appreciated in value. The tax implications for gifts like these can be a little more complex than a traditional gift, but the benefits to both parties are worth the process. Please contact the finance office for more information and consult your tax professional to see if this would be a good choice for you.

**Personal Property:** If you have a piece of personal property that you know the church is in need of, there is a process that allows you to receive a tax benefit from a direct donation.

**Volunteerism:** Many people contribute their time to the church, but don't realize that some expenses related to their volunteerism can be tax deductible.

What is deductible?

- Mileage
- Direct out-of-pocket expenses associated with the volunteer work can be deductible.

**What you will need:** Keep a journal of all of your mileage, as well as receipts and descriptions for any items purchased that were directly used for your volunteer work



## MEMORIALS/ESTATE PLANNING

**Memorials** -These are the gifts from mourners that are in memoriam of church members that have passed on. These gifts are often mentioned in an obituary and are often stated 'in lieu of flowers please send donations to Linglestown Life.' If this is something you are interested in, please be sure to let your family or executor know of your preferences, either in writing or by having a conversation with them now.



**Estate Planning** - Once you have made provisions for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church. A gift in your Will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry within your community.

Legacy gifts can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and help transform its future. Gifts can be designated to the general fund or towards specific goals such as debt reduction, missions, special projects, or children's ministries.

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