



# GIVING: A HEART OF WORSHIP



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## **Introduction to Giving: A Heart of Worship**

At Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries, we believe that giving is an act of worship and a reflection of our gratitude for all that God has done in our lives. Through faithful stewardship, we honor God, bless His church, and help fulfill the mission of reaching souls for Christ. Giving is not simply about financial transactions—it is a spiritual practice rooted in faith, trust, and obedience.

Our church encourages faithful giving through Tithes, Offerings, and Corporate Giving. Each form of giving is an opportunity to participate in God's work and experience the abundance of His blessings.

We invite you to step into a deeper level of faith and commitment, trusting in the promises of Scripture and partnering with us as we expand God's kingdom together.

# **1. Tithes: Honoring God First**

## **What is a Tithe?**

The tithe, meaning “tenth,” is the biblical principle of giving the first 10% of your income back to God. It is an act of obedience and trust, acknowledging God as your ultimate source and provider.

## **Biblical Foundation**

- Malachi 3:10 (NLT): “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!”
- Proverbs 3:9-10 (NRSV): “Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

## **Why Give Tithes?**

- Tithing keeps our hearts aligned with God’s will.
- It supports the work of the church in ministry, outreach, and missions.
- It is a tangible way of expressing faith in God’s provision.

As a member of Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries, we encourage you to commit to faithful tithing, knowing that your obedience will unlock God’s supernatural blessings in your life.

## **2. Offerings: Sowing Above and Beyond**

### **What is an Offering?**

An offering is any amount given freely beyond your tithe. While the tithe is a biblical obligation, offerings are an act of generosity that flow from a cheerful and willing heart.

### **Biblical Foundation**

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT): “Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

### **Why Give Offerings?**

- Offerings allow you to partner with God in meeting specific needs, both in the church and the community.
- It is an opportunity to express love for others and gratitude for God’s goodness.

Your offerings empower Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries to expand outreach efforts, serve those in need, and build impactful ministries.

### **3. Corporate Giving: Building for the Future**

#### **What is Corporate Giving?**

Corporate Giving is a special initiative designed to help Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries achieve our vision of owning or building a church facility. To this end, we ask every member to commit to giving \$100 on the first Sunday of each month.

#### **Biblical Foundation**

- Exodus 36:3-5 (NRSV): “They received from Moses all the freewill offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, ‘The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.’”

#### **Why Participate in Corporate Giving?**

- Owning our own building will allow us to create a permanent place of worship, ministry, and community outreach.
- It is an opportunity to sow into the legacy and future of the church, blessing generations to come.

When we give together in unity, God multiplies our efforts and provides more than enough to meet our needs.

## 4. Encouragement to Be a Faithful Giver

### Our Giving Mantra

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At Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries, we are committed to fostering a culture of faithful giving because we know that stewardship is the key to unlocking God's blessings.

### Practical Steps to Faithful Giving

1. **Pray**: Ask God to guide you in your giving and strengthen your trust in His provision.
2. **Plan**: Set aside your tithe and offering first, making it a priority in your budget.
3. **Participate**: Be consistent in tithing, generous in offerings, and committed to corporate giving.
4. **Trust**: Stand on God's promises, knowing that He will supply all your needs.

## **5. The Blessings of Generosity**

God's Word assures us that faithful giving unlocks abundant blessings:

- Luke 6:38 (NLT): "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."
- Philippians 4:19 (NRSV): "And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

When you give, you are not just supporting the church—you are investing in God's kingdom and positioning yourself to receive His supernatural blessings.

### **Encouragement to Become a Faithful Giver**

Faithful giving is more than a financial commitment—it is a spiritual discipline and a demonstration of trust in God's provision. As we give, we not only invest in the work of the Kingdom but also position ourselves to experience God's abundant blessings in every area of life.

## **4 Ways to Give**

We have made giving sacred, simple, safe, and secure by providing multiple options:

### **In Person**

1. Worship with us and give during any of our services.

### **2. Online**

Visit [ekklesiachristianlife.org/giving](http://ekklesiachristianlife.org/giving) to give securely using your credit or debit card.

### **3. By Mail**

Send your gifts to our ministry office:

Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries

PO Box 16033, Louisville, KY 40256

### **4. Recurring Giving**

Set up automatic contributions on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis through our website or giving platform.

No matter how you choose to give, every gift is received with gratitude and stewarded with integrity for God's glory.



## Why Your Giving Matters

Your generosity allows Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries to:

- Reach souls for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, and outreach.
- Provide resources and support to those in need in our church and community.
- Host worship services, Bible studies, and life-transforming events.
- Build and expand our ministry's facilities to better serve our congregation and community.

Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ, demonstrating His love to a world in need.

## Partner with Us Today

As we commit to the church's prototype of stewardship and giving, let us do so with joyful hearts, knowing that our collective faithfulness will bring glory to God and transform lives for His kingdom.

Thank you for being a part of the Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries family. Together, we are making an eternal impact!

“Honor the Lord with your wealth...” (Proverbs 3:9)



This booklet was created to encourage and guide members of Ekklesia Christian Life Ministries in living out the biblical principles of stewardship. For

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