

ST TIMOTHY'S STEWARDSHIP 2019



Do good, be rich in good works,
be generous, share.

I TIMOTHY 6:18-19

How do I know what to pledge?

What you pledge to the work of your church is between you and God; a very personal decision. It is something you should approach thoughtfully, and prayerfully. What is more important than the amount you pledge, is *that* you pledge. It is a sign of your commitment to God's life, proclaimed through you, as an outreach of the ministry of St. Timothy's.

The biblical standard of giving is a "tithe," which is 10% of one's income. While that is a high bar, it is considered the biblical minimum, and "charity" is considered anything given over that. **Earnings on fixed incomes, after-tax income, etc. can factor-in to what you might begin with as your baseline for determining a starting "income" amount.** Also, rather than building a budget and then picking through what's "left" St. Timothy's encourages you to pick a proportion of your "first fruits" and begin there. If you have been pledging for a while, think about increasing the amount or pledging at a higher percentage.

Proportional giving is based on the premise that the first fruits are given back to God in grateful response to what God has given us. It refers to a conscious effort to determine an appropriate level of giving. This year we explored the difference between how much to give back, and how much to *keep*.

Proportional Giving Guide

To begin to move toward the 10% goal, please consider starting with a pledge of 2% of your income. And if you are already working toward the goal of giving 10%, we hope you will increase your pledge by at least 2% of your income.

Annual Gross

Income:

Your proportionate annual gift would be:

	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$10,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
\$20,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000