

# **Giving FAQ**

## **Why give to the church?**

As God “did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all” ([Romans 8:32](#)), so our posture toward God and others in response to his love should be one of cheerful sacrifice and generosity. The church preaches this good news and seeks to be Christ’s light in the world. I believe there is no greater cause to which we give our finances.

## **Who should give?**

It’s a good habit for everyone to find a way of learning how to be generous. Children can be generous with their pocket money, workers can be generous with their income, retirees can be generous with their savings. It is about being a learner (disciple) of God, who gives generously to us.

## **I’m giving to charities – do I still need to give at Coro?**

The pattern in the scriptures is giving for the church’s worship and the poor. We would maintain the same is true for us. Remember that Coro church also shares its money with the poor and the wider church so giving to Coro church may fulfill both objectives.

## **I’m doing it tough at the moment? Do I still need to give?**

The short answer is no. We all go through seasons where we are not able to give as much as we desire. We encourage you to give something, even if it is a very small amount. Giving is an outward demonstration of God’s grace to us and can be deeply encouraging. However, if you have significant immediate debts we don’t expect you to give to the church. Pay these off first and work up to your goal to give generously. We would encourage everyone in the church to excel in the grace of giving ([2 Cor 8:7](#)) but we give according to what we are able.

## **What is a reasonable amount to give?**

Giving is a personal response of worship and so your giving is something between yourself and God, however, we recommend 10% of your income as a good and biblical goal to have in your giving. We don’t stipulate any percentage.

Some people in difficulty will have trouble to give 10%; others may be free to give substantially more. The goal is generosity for every believer.

## Is the 10% before or after tax?

Generosity is the goal. We leave the details with you. You are free to give how you determine. The table below can give a guide if you want to aim for 10%

Annual Income (\$)	Giving 5% annually	Giving 10% annually	Weekly offering (rounded amount)	
			5%	10%
<b>10,000</b>	500	1,000	10	19
<b>30 000</b>	1500	3,000	29	58
<b>50,000</b>	2500	5,000	48	96
<b>100,000</b>	5000	10,000	96	192
<b>120,000</b>	6000	12,000	115	231
<b>150,000</b>	7500	15,000	144	288
<b>175,000</b>	8750	17,500	168	337

## How do I give?

The easiest way for us and for many of you is through electronic transfer. Our bank details are:

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Some prefer to give via the offering bags in worship. The advantage of this is that it reinforces our giving as an act of worship. The disadvantage is that some weeks we will miss church and can forget to catch up. We are not 'paying for a seat in the service' like at a concert but regularly financing to the church's mission.

## Pledge forms

Once a year we ask you to indicate what you plan to give weekly, monthly or annually by filling out a pledge form. This is vital for the church to plan a budget and establish our mission priorities. We recognise circumstances change and we may give a different amount to what we pledge, however the forms are still very important for our planning.