

FIRESIDE CHAT



“GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU
ABUNDANTLY, SO THAT IN ALL
THINGS AT ALL TIMES, YOU WILL
ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

ABUNDANT GRACE- PROPORTIONAL RESPONSE

PROPORTIONAL GIVING acknowledges that each of us have different blessings, and it challenges us to respond faithfully from whatever we have, whether little or much. Proportional giving is not about equal amounts but equal sacrifice. In Scripture, generosity is measured not by what is given, but by what is left over (see Mark 12:41-44). It's about aligning our hearts with God's provision and placing trust in His economy rather than our own.

PRAYER QUESTIONS

- ☐ Is God calling me to take a step forward in proportional giving?
- ☐ Where have I experienced God's abundance? How might I respond with generosity that mirrors that abundance?
- ☐ What ways do I give as an aspect of my faith?
- ☐ Do I prioritize God in my spending and giving?



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BIBLICALLY: The Scriptures below (and the chapters around them) are examples that help us understand the long history of these concepts as a way to honor God and practice generosity. Biblically, 10% is a starting point for disciplined, joyful giving. It can also be a goal to work toward over time.

Exodus 35:22 - So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 14:22 - Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field.

Leviticus 27:32 - All tithes of herd and flock, every tenth one that passes under the shepherd's staff, shall be holy to the Lord.

SPIRITUALLY: John Wesley said our financial gifts are a way for us to participate in God's work on earth today. Our generosity flows from and is a response to God's own generous nature. The call to tithe - offering the first ten percent - has long served as a spiritual benchmark.

PRACTICALLY: Through individual and family pledges, the Finance Team will build a responsible budget for age-level ministries, worship, congregational care, missions, facility maintenance, staffing, and more.

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CONCEPTS CAME FROM?
ABUNDANCE, OFFERING,
ONE-TENTH, AND TITHE?