

MARINERS CHURCH



How Do I Figure Out How Much God Wants Me to Give?

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"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." -Jesus, Luke 6:38

Give freely without begrudging it, and the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. Deuteronomy 15:10

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18

They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. 2 Corinthians 8:2

Their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. 2 Corinthians 8:5

#1 Give yourself to God.

#2 Give yourself to others and what God is doing in the world.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

#3 Make up your mind (with God's help).



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Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. 2 Corinthians 9:6

#4 Have no regrets

#5 Don't consider giving a duty

#6 Give with joy and with no resentment or concerns.

For your LifeGroup and personal growth time.

How do you think most people feel about giving in church? Do you think they ever feel like they've given enough or is there a sense of guilt hanging around most people?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-21 and 9:1-15. What thoughts about giving do you see here? How did the Macedonians feel when they gave? Why did they give so much and what's the difference between them and many Christ followers?

What was the process you used to determine how much you give to ministry? does it change week to week or month to month?

How have you seen God provide for you as you give?

Pray together and support each other!

If you'd like to grow in your faith and connect with others, LifeGroups are a great place for you. For more information, drop us your name and we'll get back to you (emma@marinerscc.org)