

# A Guide for Growth in Generosity

Please complete the following exercise to discover how you can grow in your generosity.

**Step 1:** **Locate and circle** the figure that most closely matches your current gross income (annual or weekly) on the "Chart for Growth in Generosity" (on back). *If yours is a two-income family, the incomes should be combined for this exercise.*

**Step 2:** To the right and on the same line as the income you circled, **find and circle** the weekly figure that most closely matches your current generous financial response to Our Savior. At the top of that column is your current weekly percentage. **Circle this figure also.**

**Step 3:** To determine how God may be leading you to respond in the light of His grace, **reflect on and examine** the "Growth in Generosity Suggestions" table (below).

Prayerfully determine your new percentage. Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_%.

### Growth in Generosity Suggestions

Present % Level	Suggested Growth % Level
less than 5%	5%
5%	7%
6%	8%
7%	9%
8%	10%
9% or	11%
10% or higher	increase by 1%

**Step 4:** **Refer again** to the "Chart for Growth in Generosity" work sheet on the back of this page to determine your new weekly giving amount related to your new growth percent.

Write your new dollar commitment here: \$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly.

**Step 5:** **Generously respond** in the light of grace and the knowledge that *"it is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

### Some Things to Keep in Mind

- **Put God first** - "**Seek first His kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)
- **First fruits** - "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the **first fruits** of all your crops..." (Proverbs 3:9)
- **Proportionate to income** - "For I testify that they (the Macedonian Christians) gave as much as they were able, and even **beyond their ability**." (2 Corinthians 8:3) *(The Old Testament law was the tithe—10 percent. New Testament Christians have been set free to exceed the Old Law.)*
- **Regularly** - "On the **first day of every week** each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I (Paul) come no collections will have to be made." (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- **Out of love** - "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**." (1 Corinthians 9:7)
- **With a commitment** - "**Make vows to the Lord** your God and fulfill them...bring gifts to the One to be feared." (Psalm 76:11)

## Chart for Growth in Generosity

ANNUAL INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%	20%
\$5,200	\$100	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$15	\$20
\$7,800	\$150	\$5	\$6	\$8	\$9	\$11	\$12	\$14	\$15	\$18	\$23	\$30
\$10,400	\$200	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$24	\$30	\$40
\$15,600	\$300	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$18	\$21	\$24	\$27	\$30	\$36	\$45	\$60
\$20,800	\$400	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36	\$40	\$48	\$60	\$80
\$26,000	\$500	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$75	\$100
\$28,600	\$550	\$17	\$22	\$28	\$33	\$39	\$44	\$50	\$55	\$66	\$83	\$110
\$31,200	\$600	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60	\$72	\$90	\$120
\$36,400	\$700	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$42	\$49	\$56	\$63	\$70	\$84	\$105	\$140
\$41,600	\$800	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80	\$96	\$120	\$160
\$46,800	\$900	\$27	\$36	\$45	\$54	\$63	\$72	\$81	\$90	\$108	\$135	\$180
\$52,000	\$1,000	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$120	\$150	\$200
\$62,400	\$1,200	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72	\$84	\$96	\$108	\$120	\$144	\$180	\$240
\$67,600	\$1,300	\$39	\$52	\$65	\$78	\$91	\$104	\$117	\$130	\$156	\$195	\$260
\$72,800	\$1,400	\$42	\$56	\$70	\$84	\$98	\$112	\$126	\$140	\$168	\$210	\$280
\$78,000	\$1,500	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$90	\$105	\$120	\$135	\$150	\$180	\$225	\$300
\$83,200	\$1,600	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$96	\$112	\$128	\$144	\$160	\$192	\$240	\$320
\$88,400	\$1,700	\$51	\$68	\$85	\$102	\$119	\$136	\$153	\$170	\$204	\$255	\$340
\$93,600	\$1,800	\$54	\$72	\$90	\$108	\$126	\$144	\$162	\$180	\$216	\$270	\$360
\$98,800	\$1,900	\$57	\$76	\$95	\$114	\$133	\$152	\$171	\$190	\$228	\$285	\$380
\$104,000	\$2,000	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$240	\$300	\$400
\$114,400	\$2,200	\$66	\$88	\$110	\$132	\$154	\$176	\$198	\$220	\$264	\$330	\$440
\$130,000	\$2,500	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$375	\$500
\$155,000	\$2,981	\$89	\$119	\$149	\$179	\$209	\$238	\$268	\$298	\$358	\$447	\$596
\$180,000	\$3,462	\$104	\$138	\$173	\$208	\$242	\$277	\$312	\$346	\$415	\$519	\$692
\$205,000	\$3,942	\$118	\$158	\$197	\$237	\$276	\$315	\$355	\$394	\$473	\$591	\$788
\$230,000	\$4,423	\$133	\$177	\$221	\$265	\$310	\$354	\$398	\$442	\$531	\$663	\$885
\$255,000	\$4,904	\$147	\$196	\$245	\$294	\$343	\$392	\$441	\$490	\$588	\$736	\$981

