

COMPUTING A PROPORUNATE PLEDGE

Important: This is a worksheet only. It is for your personal use and is not to be returned to the church.

Many people desire to tithe, but find it difficult to know how to get there. One key step is to look honestly at where we are now in our giving, so we can then move toward the tithe by increasing the percentage of our income that we give to God. This worksheet is a tool to help you assess your giving in percentage terms and develop a plan to reach the tithe.

Suppose your income is: \$30,000.00

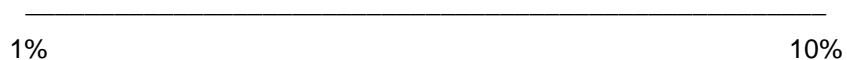
A "Tithe" is (move the decimal one place to the left): 3,000.00

Consider Your Current Giving:

- a) My income this year is: _____
- b) A "Tithe" would be (move decimal one place to the left): _____
- c) 1% of my income would be (move decimal to the left again): _____
- d) My present giving to God is: _____
- e) I may discover what percent of my income my present giving represents by simply dividing item (c) into item (d): _____

Determining a Proportionate Pledge for Next Year:

- a) My anticipated income next year is: _____
- b) A "Tithe" would be (move decimal one place to the left): _____
- c) 1% of my income would be (move decimal to the left again): _____
- d) Next year I would like to give to God _____ percent as my pledge.
- e) If I multiply this percent (item d) by item (c), my annual pledge for 2002 will be: _____
- f) Divide this amount by 52 to determine a systematic weekly pledge, or by 12 for a monthly pledge. Transfer this figure to your pledge card.



To get a picture of your present Stewardship commitments, place a mark where you are now on the above scale and a + where you truly want to be with God's help.

ANOTHER WAY TO APPROACH GIVING

The previous worksheet explained how to compute your giving based on a proportion of your income. Another way is to consider increasing the proportion of what you currently give. In other words, if I give \$52 per year, what would a 1% increase be? The answer is an additional 1¢ per week. What about a 30% increase? That's an additional 30¢ per week. If your weekly giving is \$20 per week, a 30% increase is a mere \$6!

| If your weekly offering is: | Your annual gift is: | A 1% increase would be (per wk) | 5% increase would be (per wk) | 10% increase would be (per wk) | 15% increase would be (per wk) | 25% increase would be (per wk) | 30% increase would be (per wk) |
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| \$1 | \$52 | \$1.01 | \$1.05 | \$1.10 | \$1.15 | \$1.25 | \$1.30 |
| \$2 | \$104 | \$2.02 | \$2.10 | \$2.20 | \$2.30 | \$2.50 | \$2.60 |
| \$5 | \$260 | \$5.05 | \$5.25 | \$5.50 | \$5.75 | \$6.25 | \$6.50 |
| \$10 | \$520 | \$10.10 | \$10.50 | \$11 | \$11.50 | \$12.50 | \$13 |
| \$20 | \$1,040 | \$20.20 | \$21 | \$22 | \$23 | \$25 | \$26 |
| \$25 | \$1,300 | \$25.25 | \$26.25 | \$27.50 | \$28.75 | \$31.25 | \$32.50 |
| \$50 | \$2,600 | \$50.50 | \$52.50 | \$55 | \$57.50 | \$62.50 | \$65 |
| \$100 | \$5,200 | \$101 | \$105 | \$110 | \$115 | \$125 | \$130 |