

# WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

## FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES

### 'The Heart of Giving'

Worshipful. Purposeful. Cheerful.

This week's message:

#### The 'Hows' of Giving

**A few things we need to tell you...** (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- **Release your dependence on MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.**
- **Pursue greater dependence on your ETERNAL POSSESSION.**
- **Seek to BLESS OTHERS as you have been blessed.**

**Our Biblical Principle of Giving:** With a worshipful and purposeful heart, every follower of Jesus Christ should consistently give a proportion of our income to the local church to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### The Practical Steps of Giving:

- ▶ **WHY should we give?** (Deut. 14:23; Matt. 6:21-24; Rom. 12:1)  
To recognize and honor God, grow in faith, and partner in God's work
- ▶ **HOW should we give?** (Ps. 116:12; 2 Cor. 8:7; 2 Cor. 9:1-15)  
Worshipfully, faithfully, thankfully, purposely, cheerfully, consistently
- ▶ **WHAT should we give?** (Lev. 27:30; Matt. 23:23; 2 Cor. 8:7; 9:7)  
TITHES = "a tenth, 10%" OFFERINGS = free-will, over-and-above
- ▶ **WHEN should we give?** (Pr. 3:9; Matt. 6:33; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rom. 12:8)  
early, often, when we get something extra
- ▶ **WHERE should we give?** (Ex. 25:1-8; Mal. 3:10; Acts 4:35; 11:29-30)  
worthy organizations, personal needs, primarily to the local church

... and what should we expect to see?

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#### For Further Thought and Study...

This week study the enclosed brochure, "What the Bible Teaches About Giving," and reflect on the included Scriptures.

Read Malachi 3:6-18. How will you test God in this?

- Begin giving, as able.
- Re-examine my generosity.
- Begin tithing.
- Re-examine my financial habits.
- Increase my offerings.
- Give my time to serve in the Church.

How have you experienced God's blessing through your giving in the past? What step of faith is He calling you to today?



#### *Are you connecting?*

Community Groups are people from the church that get together weekly in our homes, restaurants, coffee shops or parks to pray and study the Bible, to share life and support one another. Life is hard. It was never meant to be lived in isolation. Community is a gift of God intended to help us see and experience the good news of Jesus in profound and tangible ways. Your Community will help YOU experience Christ in your everyday life!

**Connecting is easy.** Simply check "Community Groups" on your **Connection Card** and place it in this morning's offering bag. We're here for YOU! For more information visit [www.discoverychristianchurch.org](http://www.discoverychristianchurch.org)

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