

My/Our Gift Worksheet:

My tithe (10%):

Annual Household Income:
\$ _____

Multiplied by .10 =
\$ _____

Divided by 52 (weeks) =
\$ _____ **per week**

Commit this number to God in prayer and faithfully offer it to Him during 2019!

...or Steps towards a Tithe:

Our giving percentage last year was: ___% of our Annual Household Income.

Adding 1% to that percentage now brings us to ___%

Multiplied our new % by Annual Household Income =

\$ _____

Divided by 52 (weeks) =

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My Spiritual Gifts—God's Mission!

God wants us all to use the Spiritual Gifts He's given us to be a part of His mission in the world. We use a simple formula at LCC to help us discover our calling:

Gifts + Passion = Service (GPS)

Add your God-given gifts to your life passions and you'll discover the way God is calling you to serve! Here are some ideas:

Guest Services:

Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Prep Team, Communion Servers, Offering Counters

Worship:

Choir, Praise Bands, Video Display, Video Recording, Sound Board

Children/Youth/Adult Ministry:

Group Leader, Teachers, Assistants, Meal Prep or Server

Facility Ministry:

Painting, landscaping, snow removal, handiwork, cleaning, organizing, lockup

Communication Ministry:

Photography, Videography, Video Editing, Design

Care Ministry:

Hospital/Home Visits

Local Missions:

Swerve/Kids Café, Caring Hands, Freedom for Youth, Mosaic

Please contact the church office at office@lccaltoona.org or 967-4818 to get connected to God's mission in the world!



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2019 Giving Guide



***A Simple, Biblical Guide
for Giving Ourselves to
God's Mission in the World***

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BE THE CHURCH...Jesus-centered community on mission

Dear Partners in God's mission,

Foundations matter. A strong life requires a strong foundation. What are you building your life upon? What kind of foundation are you leaving for the next generation?

Jesus said that whoever builds his or her life on hearing and doing His words, builds upon a deep and strong foundation that cannot be shaken by the storms of life.

Jesus invites you to hear and respond to His call to give yourself—your time, your spiritual gifts, and your finances—to His mission. When you trust and give your life to Christ, you discover a life that is unshakable.

This Giving Guide will help you discover how you can practically give yourself to God and His amazing mission.

*Be the Church,
Pastor Nathan Anenson*



4 STEPS TO FAITHFUL GIVING OF SELF...

STEP ONE: Read the Bible!

Discover these Biblical truths:

1) God has created each of us with different gifts to share with others.

Romans 12:4-11

2) Jesus teaches we are to be servants to all.

Mark 9:35

3) We use our gifts and passions to build up God's Kingdom. Every member is a minister!

Ephesians 4:11-13

STEP TWO: Pray!

Ask God to help you discover the gifts and passions He's given you; if you already know what they are, then thank Him for these spiritual gifts!

STEP THREE: Connect the Dots!

Connect the dots between your God-given gifts and passions...and an area of service. Ask, "How can my gifts and passion impact my church and wider community?"

STEP FOUR: Live Out Your Calling!

Do the ministry God created you for! Even if it means stepping out of your "comfort zone," take courage and help build God's Kingdom!

4 STEPS TO FAITHFUL GIVING OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES...

STEP ONE: Read the Bible!

Discover these Biblical truths:

1) Everything is God's, we're stewards of it.

Genesis 1; Psalm 24:1; 1 Timothy 6:7

2) God wants our first portion, not what's left.

Deuteronomy 26:9-11; Proverbs 3:9-10

3) God has a number in mind: 10% of income!

Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:7-10

4) God loves a cheerful giver!

2 Corinthians 9:7

STEP TWO: Pray!

Ask God this simple question: "Lord, what do you want to do through me/us to accomplish your mission through LCC?"

STEP THREE: Listen to God!

Keep asking in prayer until you "hear" God's answer. If you don't get an answer, then quiet your life until you do. Be still. Listen to God, not people. God will write a number on your heart, soul, or mind.

STEP FOUR: Take a Step of Faith!

Trust God enough to do whatever He calls you to do, believing that He will provide the means to make it happen.