



Your Understanding of Money Lays the Foundation of Your Spiritual Life

The only subject Jesus talked about more than money is the Kingdom of God!

In the parable of the unjust steward Jesus calls managing money the “least” of our responsibilities.

“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”— [Luke 16:10-11](#)

Jesus didn’t mean that we should ignore money because it’s insignificant. When he says it’s the “least” of our responsibilities he means that money is the first thing we need to get sorted. If we can’t even handle our money properly in godly ways, then we are likely to have problems in all other areas of our life.

Therefore, money is critically important. Our attitude towards money and how we manage it is the foundation that sets the stage for every other aspect of our spiritual lives.

How do you know “the right amount” to commit to the Church of the Good Shepherd? Your gift is the manifestation of powerful prayer and discernment. The role of the Stewardship Committee is to provide financial information on the cost of keeping our doors open and living our mission in the world. This information is forthcoming over the next few weeks as a means of informing your personal/family decision.

*St. Michael’s published a **Generosity Chart** which our committee found useful as a tool in navigating planning for Commitment Sunday on November 14 when formal commitments or pledges are collected during worship services.*

Thank you for examining your role in Cultivating Our Culture of Generosity.

% of Household Income	1%		5%		7%		10%	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
Combined Annual Income								
\$25,000	\$21	\$250	\$104	\$1250	\$146	\$1750	\$208	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$42	\$500	\$208	\$2,500	\$292	\$3,500	\$417	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$63	\$750	\$313	\$3,750	\$438	\$5,250	\$625	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$83	\$1,000	\$417	\$5,000	\$583	\$7,000	\$833	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$125	\$1,500	\$625	\$7,500	\$875	\$10,500	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$167	\$2,000	\$833	\$10,000	\$1,167	\$14,000	\$1,667	\$20,000
\$300,000	\$250	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$1,750	\$21,000	\$2,500	\$30,000
\$400,000	\$333	\$4,000	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$2,333	\$28,000	\$3,333	\$40,000