

To: Michigan District Pastors
From: Michigan District Stewardship Committee

Bible Verses to Help Make the Offering a more Meaningful Part of the Worship Service

Our offerings are an act of worship. The offering during the worship service provides believers the opportunity to respond in gratitude to the grace, love, and mercy of God and to put their faith and trust in the Lord into action. The offering to God each Sunday is an act of worship just like confessing the Creed, singing the hymns, hearing the sermon, and engaging in prayer. The following Bible verses will provide encouragement for your members to give and will help them grow in their understanding of Biblical stewardship.

It is suggested that you intersperse Old Testament and New Testament verses throughout the year. The following list provides a large number of giving verses, but it is not an exhaustive list. Hopefully, you will over time add more verses to this list.

The following giving and stewardship Bible verses are provided in the English Standard Version (ESV) translation.

Bulletin or Worship Folder Suggestion:

THE OFFERING VERSE:

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

Genesis 4:4 - Abel brought the best, the choicest parts of the “firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering.”

Genesis 8:20 – Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Exodus 23:19 - For the three annual festivals, Moses tells the people, “The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.”

Exodus 35:4-5 – Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord’s contribution...”



Exodus 25:1 – The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for Me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves Him you shall receive the contribution for Me.”

Exodus 35:21 – And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord’s contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for its service, and for the holy garments.

Leviticus 27:30 – Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord’s; it is holy to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 – You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that He will choose, to make His name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

Deuteronomy 16:16b, 17 – They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11 –Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:14 – King David said, “But who am I and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”



Psalms 4:5 – Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

Psalms 54:6 – With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

Psalms 56:12 –I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

Psalms 61:8 – So will I ever sing praises to Your name, as I perform my vows day after day.

Psalms 96:7-8 –Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Psalms 100:4 – Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Psalm 110:3 – Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of Your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Psalm 116:12-14 – What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

Proverbs 3:9 – Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

Proverbs 11:24 – One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Proverbs 11:25 – Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 28:27 – Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

Malachi 3:10 – Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Matthew 5:16 – In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:23-24 – So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



Matthew 6:19-20 – Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:21 – For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:25 – Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Matthew 23:23 – Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done without neglecting the others.

Matthew 25:40 –And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.

Mark 8:35-36 –For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

Luke 6:38 – Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

Luke 7:36-38 – One of the Pharisees asked [Jesus] to eat with him and He went into the Pharisee’s house and took His place at the table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointment.

Luke 12:15 – And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 12:48b – Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Luke 16:11 – If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth (money), who will entrust to you the true riches?

Luke 19:1-8 – And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich...And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

Luke 21:1-4 – Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Acts 4:32-35 – Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of

the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 20:35b – [Jesus said,] “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Romans 12:13 – Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 –Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit with you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 16:2 – On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

2 Corinthians 8:3 – For [the Macedonians] gave according to their means. As I can testify and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

2 Corinthians 8:7 – But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:12-13 – For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that they may be fairness.

2 Corinthians 9:6 – The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:7 – Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:8 – And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:11- You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:12 – For the ministry of this service (giving) is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God



2 Corinthians 9:15 –Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

Galatians 6:9-10 –And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Ephesians 5:1-2 – Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Philippians 4:18 – I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

1 Timothy 6:10-11 –For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 – As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold that which is truly life.

Hebrews 6:10 – For God is not unjust as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Hebrews 13:15-16 – Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

James 1:25 –But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

1 Peter 4:10 – As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 John 3:17 – But if anyone has the world's good and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him.