



# Generous Giving Programme

## A Framework for Generosity

The scope of Christian giving is not just financial giving, but how we use money, time, talents and possessions God has entrusted to us. Generous giving should become second nature to us, and as it becomes so, our living and our giving are transformed to start to resemble the overflowing generosity of God.

- **Priority** – assessed in relation to all our income, and not simply the spare change after all other needs have been satisfied. (*Deut 26:2-3, 1 Cor 16:2, 2Cor 8:5*)
- **Prayerful** – an act of worship and thanksgiving. (*1 Chron 9:7*)
- **Planned** – but not prescriptive and allowing spontaneity. (*2 Cor 9:7*)
- **Proportionate** – a realistic proportion of our income. (*1Cor 16:2, 2 Cor 8:11-13*)
- **Given in Community** – both for the needs of others, and given with others for a common purpose (*Acts 2:42-47, 2 Cor 8:13-14*). The acts of giving shifts our focus from individual wants to a communal need, demonstrating solidarity with the poor and a commitment to working together in mission.
- **Sacrificial** – there is a cost to our giving. As a result, we will have less to spend on ourselves, and our lifestyles will reflect this. Those who have more to give will give more. (*Luke 21:1-4, 2 Cor 8:2-4*)
- **Cheerfully and joyfully given** – whether giving money, time or hospitality, we give with grace from the heart, as an offering to God. (*2 Cor 9:7-8*).