

Giving Generously (Investing in Eternity)

A guide to Stewardship
and Giving



At King's we teach the Biblical principle of stewardship. We believe that everything we have belongs to God and we are only looking after, or are stewards of, what He has given us. It is with this in mind that we encourage people who call King's their home to give regularly and generously in proportion to their income. To fulfil all that God has given us to do requires resources, so we encourage everyone to regularly ask God what we can do to play our part in giving to the work of King's.

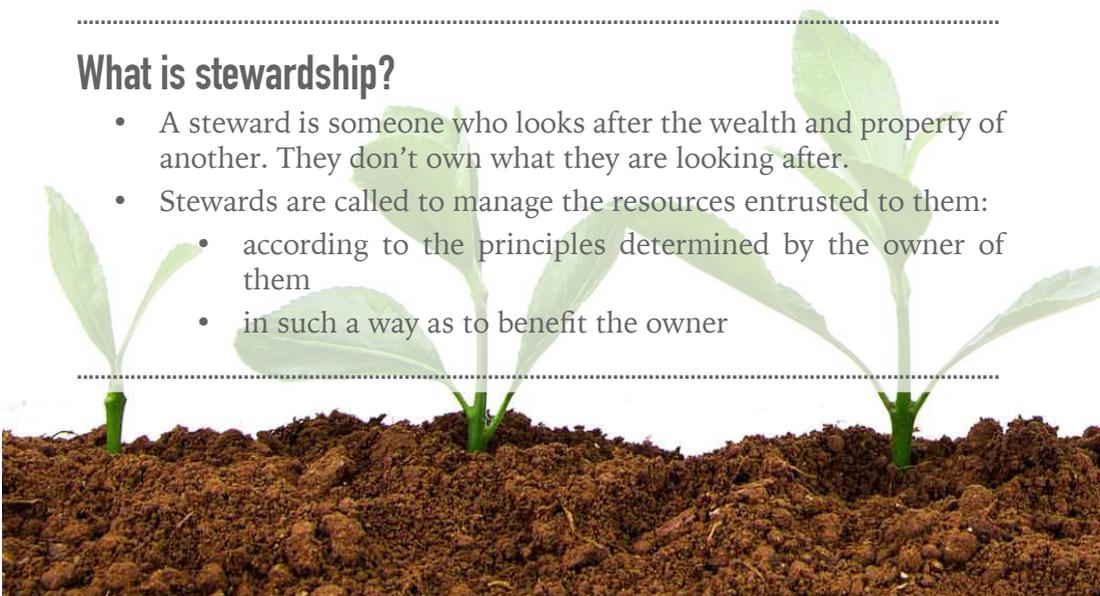
Why should we give?

- Our God is a generous Father who promises to meet all our needs (Philippians 4:19, Timothy 6:17) so we don't need to hoard what we have
- Everything we have is a gift from God (James 1:17) and one day we will be called to account for how we have used what He has given us
- Jesus said that what we invest in shows what is most important to us, or where our heart is (Matthew 6:21)
- We are called to give as an act of obedience (Malachi 3:8-10, Matthew 23:23)
- It creates the opportunity for us to receive further blessing and reward from God

Ultimately, we honour God with our finances through our giving.

What is stewardship?

- A steward is someone who looks after the wealth and property of another. They don't own what they are looking after.
 - Stewards are called to manage the resources entrusted to them:
 - according to the principles determined by the owner of them
 - in such a way as to benefit the owner
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How should I give?

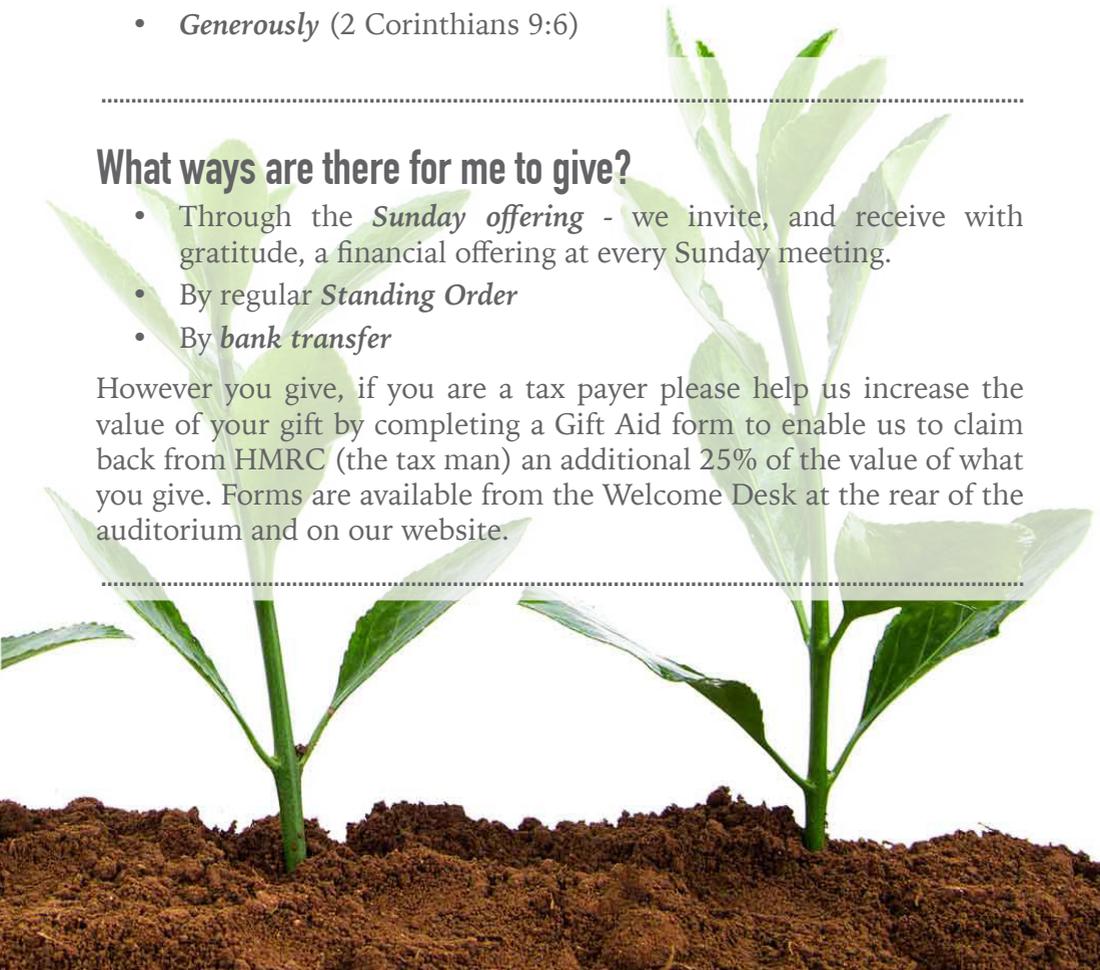
Giving for the first time may feel scary but the apostle Paul notes that giving is an act of grace and something that he hopes we will excel in. As with all things, we trust the Lord to provide the grace we need to enable us to grow in giving from ad hoc gifts to regular tithes and beyond to sacrificial giving. Elsewhere in scripture it is noted that we should give:

- *Regularly* and *in proportion to what we have* (1 Corinthians 16:2, Luke 12:1-4). The Bible expects that we will give at least a tithe, or tenth(10%), of what we have (Leviticus 27:30, Deuteronomy 14:22).
- *As an act of worship*, to give glory to God and as an expression of thanks to Him.
- *Willingly* and *cheerfully* (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- *Generously* (2 Corinthians 9:6)

What ways are there for me to give?

- Through the *Sunday offering* - we invite, and receive with gratitude, a financial offering at every Sunday meeting.
- By regular *Standing Order*
- By *bank transfer*

However you give, if you are a tax payer please help us increase the value of your gift by completing a Gift Aid form to enable us to claim back from HMRC (the tax man) an additional 25% of the value of what you give. Forms are available from the Welcome Desk at the rear of the auditorium and on our website.



What do we do with what you give?

- Resource our ministries - Children & Families, Youth, Small Groups (including Honeycomb), Worship, Prayer Ministry, Outreach
- Fund and support our Community Care Services and the overseas missions that we choose to invest in
- Put on church and community activities - International Lunch, Big Day Out, Amersham Town Prayer Breakfast, Holiday Club
- Pay the costs of running the church building which serves the church family and the local community
- Pay the salaries of the staff team

Church family giving is supplemented by funds we are able to raise through hire of our facilities to outside users.

We recognise that giving is not always easy and that your personal circumstances will affect how you are able to give. If you are in a difficult time financially, please remember, we believe you should *give out of what you have, not what you have not*. If you are struggling financially or in debt, please talk to a Pastor or Elder.

Please pick up a Planned Giving leaflet from the Welcome Desk at the back of the auditorium to see how you might 'grow' your giving.



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