

Guidelines for Giving

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” — Micah 6:8

Recognizing that everything belongs to God and that he has redeemed our lives, the deacons make these recommendations to the congregation about giving to the Lord:

Prayer

We recommend that each person offer prayers daily, thanking the Lord for his care and bringing requests that the needs of others may be met, that the work of Christ's kingdom may go forward and that each of us may grow in faithfulness to God's will.

Personal Devotion

We recommend that each person make an effort every day to show devotion to the Lord and a sense of discipleship in all of his or her behavior, so that others may be led to the Lord by personal example.

Stewardship

We recommend that each person develop and daily act upon an abiding concern for not spending or consuming more than his or her rightful share of material things. Each person should strive to develop habits that avoid wasting or polluting resources.

Time

We recommend that each person make a commitment to spend time regularly, perhaps each week, in volunteer work that advances the cause of Christ and his kingdom. Each member should have at least one job in our congregation.

Money

We recommend that the members of each household cheerfully give money on a regular schedule to the church and to other Christian causes. We recommend that at least 5 percent of each member's after-tax income be contributed to the general fund of our church, so that our budget commitments for ministry may be met. The total of all gifts to Christian causes should be between 5 percent and 10 percent of after-tax income.