

## Investing Expects Dividends

How do you determine what to put in the offering plate?  
 Is it your money or God's--your life or His? Who says?  
 You place your offering in the plate. Why?  
 How does your offering take away from life or add to it?

God wants you to be rich. For that reason we provide the opportunity for you to be intentional in what you give to ministry. Please use the commitment card given today to determine how you will return to God from all he has given you. We work to use the offerings to bring blessing to others—BUT we truly believe that by giving back to God you are richer. This is his promise:



*Give, and it will be given to you.*

*A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.*

*For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

Luke 6:38

God states clearly and simply that He will pour out blessing into your life according to the way you give to Him. When you measure out your offering in heaping spoonfuls—so God measures His giving to you—only He uses a **SHOVEL!**

***Do you want God to hold back or pour freely when he blesses you?***

## How Do You Measure?

God measures proportionately. Jesus saw that a widow whose offering of two cents was more than those who tossed in \$100. Two people may put five dollars in the offering plate. One does so from an allowance of \$15 and another from a paycheck of \$1000. Who gives more? God calls for us to give proportionately and uses 10% (tithe) as a baseline amount. Does your giving fall above or below 10% of your income? Consider the chart below that outlines the giving levels of Trinity. Invest wisely giving back proportionately from what God has given you. This honors God if your income is \$1.00 or \$1,000,000. John D. Rockefeller once said:

*I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.*

Giving Level:	Number of Households
\$20,000 and up	4
\$15,000 to \$19,999	3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6
\$8,000 to \$9,999	10
\$7,000 to \$7,999	2
\$6,000 to \$6,999	9
\$5,000 to \$5,999	15
\$4,000 to \$4,999	23
\$3,000 to \$3,999	25
\$2,000 to \$2,999	30
\$1,000 to \$1,999	62
\$500 to \$999	49
\$100 to \$499	100
\$.01 to \$99.99	83
Nothing	186

Total Households 607

