

Giving to Redeemer Croydon

Thank you for supporting the gospel ministry of Redeemer Croydon! You're investing in eternity, as well as the expansion of God's Kingdom here and now for His glory.

Redeemer's short history is one of wonderful growth. More and more lives are being transformed for eternity. And it's our expectant prayer that this kingdom growth will continue and accelerate. But for this to happen, we're dependant on donations.

God On Giving

Scripture presents giving as a vital spiritual discipline that carries great power for unleashing God's grace to many, for eternity. It also teaches that it's a huge source of blessing to the giver, as well as a revealing spiritual diagnostic. And in particular, 1 Corinthians 8,9 teaches that authentic, healthy Christians give...

- **Sacrificially** (8:1,2), embracing real, personal cost
- **Generously** (8:3-7), being lavish and aiming high
- **Gratefully** (8:8,9), mindful of Jesus' giving of himself to give us life
- **Fully** (8:10-12), right up to (and even over!) our means
- **Compassionately** (8:13-15), to help those in greater need
- **Carefully** (8:16-24), so that God's money is wisely stewarded
- **Actually** (9:1-5), not simply making promises or having good intentions
- **Freely** (9:6,7), without compulsion or reluctance but cheerfully
- **Confidently** (9:8-11), trusting God to supply our genuine needs
- **Purposefully** (9:12-17), with the ultimate goal of God's praise and glory

What Next? 'A.C.T.'

Ask God in prayer for a heart that joyfully accepts this teaching of His Word

Consider God's teaching, your income and needs, and how much you can give

Take action – start investing now in God's Kingdom and eternity

FAQs

How much should I give?

The Old Testament required God's people to give 10% of their income (a "tithe"). But the New Testament doesn't impose any such law. Instead we're under grace, and have the freedom to decide. So how much should we give? The Bible portrays those living after Old Testament times (i.e. after Christ) as being in a position of massive spiritual privilege. On top of that he's also given us the privilege of living in one of the most affluent and 'free' countries on the planet. So while we aren't bound by a "tithe", if anything it should be the floor rather than the ceiling of our giving.

What's the best way to give, practically?

By a monthly Standing Order, so that your bank processes your monthly gift automatically, as you've instructed. This saves you time, means you don't forget when life is busy and, significantly, helps Redeemer with financial planning.

How can I get started?

Ask for a Giving Form and Gift Aid declaration by contacting us via www.redeemercroydon.org/get-in-touch/contact-us. You can set up a standing order quickly and easily. Alternatively, complete one of our standing order forms, and we'll forward it to your bank on your behalf.

What if I set up a Standing Order and my circumstances change?

You can amend a Standing Order at any time. If you do have cause to raise, lower or stop it, given particular circumstances, just let Redeemer's treasury team know. That way the church will be able to keep budgeting accurately.

What if I'm a UK tax-payer?

If you're a UK tax-payer, **it's vital you complete a Gift Aid declaration and return it to the treasurer**. This way, every time you make a gift to the church, we'll be able to increase the value of your gift significantly by claiming back income tax from HM Revenue & Customs. These tax refunds form an important part of Redeemer's annual income. Please make sure the church doesn't miss out, by completing a declaration and returning it to us!

If you're a higher rate tax-payer, we can still only claim back the basic rate portion of tax. However, when you complete your annual tax return, you should be able to reclaim the higher rate portion of tax from HMRC, which you may then wish to donate to the church.

How often should I review my giving?

It's healthy to review perhaps a couple of times a year, to check whether it's sustainable and whether it could be increased. Why not diarise this review, perhaps in April and October, to ensure it happens?

Can I speak to someone to get more information?

The Treasurers are very happy to speak to you in confidence. Their details are available upon request, through www.redeemercroydon.org/get-in-touch/contact-us

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