

A Guide for Discerning how you will support the financial needs of Saint Matthias' kingdom ministry in 2027

- a. Come to God in prayer. Remember He is the God who loves you unconditionally and is committed to providing for your every need. Ask the God of all grace if He would guide you as you discern if He is calling you to give to the ministry of Saint Matthias.
- b. Know that as you think about giving financially, it's not at all unusual to feel concerned, afraid, or confused. If any of those feelings come up, name them to God and ask Him to sanctify your heart & mind in accordance with His truth as you discern His will. If peace continues to elude you, that may be a sign you need to continue to pray and seek God further before making a pledge.
- c. If you discern God is calling you to give but aren't sure how much, the tithe (10% of income), though not a hard-and-fast rule, can be a helpful starting point to consider. Or, you might consider an experiment of increasing by .5% or 1% of your income in 2027.

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- d. While it's important to give in faith, it's also important to give wisely. To guard against giving unwisely, ask yourself, would giving this amount...
- i. be at the expense of the God-given needs of those in your household?
 - ii. exacerbate any financial instability or cause you to incur debt
 - iii. be in disunity with your spouse (if married)?
 - iv. be an amount you would be giving under compulsion rather than from a heart of generosity?
- e. If the answer to any of these is yes, you may need to continue to pray and seek the Lord or ask the advice of a trusted Christian brother or sister.
- f. Intercessory prayer for the kingdom work of Saint Matthias is no less critical than a financial contribution. Whether or not you make a monetary pledge, consider whether you would like to commit to praying regularly for God to provide for these financial needs

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