

# Why Make a Commitment?

Sometimes people wonder, “Should I make a financial commitment to my congregation?” If you are wondering, here are some things to consider.

## God Calls On You to Plan Your Giving

The Apostle Paul says, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind” (II Corinthians 9:7). Your financial commitment to your congregation comes after you have reflected on God’s blessings in your life and after you have prayed for God’s guidance regarding your giving. Your financial commitment becomes your plan for giving. It becomes your response to Paul’s call to give as you have made up your mind.

## Your Commitment Enables Your Congregation to Plan

When you and other members of the congregation make a commitment, the congregation’s leaders can anticipate how much will be given, and can make realistic plans based on realistic numbers. Congregations who have a large number of members who don’t make commitments are often timid about planning for expanded ministry due to uncertainty about giving. Congregations who have a large number of members who do make commitments can plan boldly and realistically for growth in ministry and mission in Jesus’ name.

## Your Commitment Becomes Your Personal Goal for Giving

Each of us has goals for our lives. These goals are good for us—they cause us to strive to be more than we are now, and they enable us to be accountable to ourselves for progress. Your financial commitment to the congregations becomes your personal goal for giving. Your financial commitment is an important step in growing in your giving and growing in your faith.

*If you are not in the practice of making a financial commitment, you are **invited** and **encouraged** to do so now.*