

RULE OF LIFE-GIVE

1. Order the following from most to least. Which of the following four words to you think is used most in the Bible?

Pray, Love, Give, Believe

2. Why do you think the Bible talks so much about money and giving?

3. On a large sheet of paper list as many reasons why you think the Bible teaches that we should give.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 16 vs 1- 4

Background - In the early years of the Church there was a severe famine in Jerusalem. Paul decided it would be a good idea if each church outside the famine area, collected money so that when he next called by, he could take the money to Jerusalem to buy food.

Read 1 Corinthians 16 vs 1- 4

This passage is not specifically about the weekly collection in the church service, but what lessons do you think it teaches us about giving to the work of God?

5. How much do you think it costs to run your church each year?

- How much do you think the congregation gave in 2022?

- How much do you think special collections came to ? eg. to Children's society, Ukrainian Appeal etc

- How much do you think we were able to reclaim through Gift Aid?

(answers can be found in the annual report)

Prayer.

Light a candle and think through your own giving to God - your time, your skills and your money. You might want to read the following verses at intervals.

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; rich as he was, he made himself poor for your sake, in order to make you rich by means of his poverty. (2 Cor. 8 v. 9)

If you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have. (2 Cor. 8 v. 12)

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. (2 Cor 9 v.6)

You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. (2 Cor 9 v.7)