



IRVING BIBLE CHURCH THEOLOGY OF GIVING

We believe that giving is more than a financial practice, it's a spiritual one. The way we view and use our money shapes us, for better or for worse. That means giving is about more than funding a church; it is one of the ways God forms us to look less like the world and more like Jesus.

At Irving Bible Church, our theology of giving is rooted in five core principles:

STEWARDSHIP

We give as stewards, recognizing that all we have belongs to God. (Psalm 24:1)

Everything we have comes from God and ultimately belongs to him. Our time, abilities, influence, relationships, and finances are gifts entrusted to our care. Stewardship means holding these gifts with open hands and using them faithfully for God's purposes instead of our own.

WORSHIP

We give as an act of worship, responding with gratitude to God's goodness toward us. (John 3:16)

At the center of the gospel is a generous God who gave himself for us in Jesus. We give not to earn God's favor, but in response to his love and grace. Giving is one way of saying with our lives that God, not money, is our source of security and hope.

DISCIPLESHIP

We give as a part of following Jesus, shaping our hearts to become more like him. (Matthew 6:21)

Jesus spoke often about money because he cares deeply about our hearts. What we do with money reveals what we trust, what we prioritize, and what

we love most. Trusting God with our money makes space for us to be formed into people who look more like Jesus.

COMMUNITY

We give as a community, participating together in the shared life of the local church. (Acts 2:44-45)

Generosity was never meant to be merely individual. Throughout Scripture, God's people share resources, care for one another, and contribute together toward a common mission. Giving connects us as a church family, teaches us interdependence, and enables us to accomplish more together than we could alone.

MISSION

We give to fuel God's mission, participating in his work of renewal in the world. (1 John 3:17-18)

God is at work right now bringing rescue and renewal to our world. When we give, we get to participate in that work. Our giving helps fuel ministry, support those in need, and make the hope of Jesus visible to our neighbors and to the nations.