

The FAITH PROMISE PLAN for MISSIONARY GIVING

The FAITH PROMISE OFFERING is a method of missionary giving by individuals or families through their local church. A FAITH PROMISE is made to contribute a certain amount, either weekly or monthly, to the missionary fund of the local church, over and above the usual tithe, building fund, and other offerings. It is based upon faith and is given first, just as the tithe, trusting God for needs. It follows the basic biblical principle of sowing and reaping, sowing always being first. (2 Corinthians 9:6)

- 1. The Faith Promise Offering is not a clever gimmick of men.** The principle of faith-giving, even promising to give, is set forth in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9.
- 2. The Faith Promise Offering commitment is for one year.**
- 3. The Faith Promise Offering is over and above your tithes or regular contributions to your church.**
- 4. The Faith Promise Offering is normally not designated to any particular missionary.**
- 5. The Faith Promise Offering is not a pledge.** A pledge is a legal, binding agreement, such as is signed with any credit purchase.
- 6. The Faith Promise Offering is between the giver and the Lord.** You are never asked for it.
- 7. You should give your Faith Promise Offering just as you give your tithe -- right off the top.**
- 8. The Faith Promise Offering depends not on our ability to give, but on our faith in God to provide the means to give.** In 2 Corinthians 8:3 the Macedonian believers were willing to give, not only what they could afford but what they couldn't. They had to trust the Lord for the supply of their needs.
- 9. The Faith Promise offering is motivated by our love for the Lord.** (2 Corinthians 8:8)
- 10. The Faith Promise Offering is good for the believer and good for the church.** (2 Corinthians 8:10 -- "expedient" means good, advisable, in the interest of oneself.)
- 11. The Faith Promise Offering includes every member of the family.** Children and young people should be taught the Biblical principles of tithes and offerings. (Matthew 6:21)
- 12. God not only encourages us to give, but He supplies the gifts.** (2 Corinthians 9:8-10)
- 13. Making a promise or vow is actually encouraged in the Bible.** (Psalm 76:11; 2 Corinthians 8:10; 9:2)

WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE GIVING?

DEFINING "FAITH PROMISE"

The *Faith Promise Plan* is a method of missionary giving by individuals and family through the ministry of a local church.

A “Faith Promise” is promised by the giver.

- The plan is to contribute a certain amount, either weekly, or monthly, to the missionary fund of the local church, over and above the usual tithe or other offerings.
- This plan is made for a year and renewed annually.

The Faith Promise Plan is a “*promise by faith*,” that I, personally, will trust the Lord that I can give a certain amount to my church for the work of missions around the world.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH PROMISE GIVING

It is sacrificial (Lk 6:38; II Cor. 9:6-8)

- To carry out successfully the great commission, the following are required:
 - **devoted work** and **sacrifice** on the part of the individual;
 - **prayer** and financial **aid** on the part of all members of the local church;
 - and **direction** and enabling **power** of the Holy Spirit.
- Paul says: “*If others have a share of this authority over you, rather should not we? But we have not used this authority, but we endured all things lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ*” (1 Corinthians 9:12; MKJV).

It potentially involves the entire membership of the Church in missionary giving

- *What does God want YOU to do? Your family?*

It is an act of the will ... by faith (Heb. 11:1, 6; 10:38)

- We all rejoice in the stories of the way God **supplies** the needs of His workers by **bold faith in His promises to His workers**.
- It becomes a greater blessing when it **happens to each one of us by personal experience**.
 - The meeting of our needs in answer to prayer increases our faith.
 - The Lord becomes very real as we claim His promises that we might give liberally.

SUMMARY

Faith Promise Giving is a Promise!

- It is a solemn **promise before God** that I will give a certain amount for missions, **regularly**, over and above my normal giving for the local budget.

Faith Promise is Personal!

- It is individual involvement in the work of world missions, **each** doing his or her part.

Faith Promise is by Faith! Lk. 6:38; Heb. 11:6

- It is an agreement with God that by faith I plan to give -- expecting God to provide for the giving!