

At ABC we realise that the 'offering' God requires from all of us is literally our whole lives (*Romans 12:1*). We give our whole lives as a joyful response to the grace of God's gospel, because He who was the most rich became the most poor for us (*2 Corinthians 8:9*). As we understand God to be the source and giver of life and all we have, we see ourselves as stewards of what He has given us. Essentially, we believe our money is God's money.

Accordingly, we are called to be responsible with what we do with our finances. Having become children of God through the gospel we have been freed from finding our identity and value in materialistic things. Money is no longer our king – Jesus is. The good news of the gospel is that we are free to be generous to others as God was generous to us (*1 John 3:17*).

So while Jesus wants our hearts more than our money, we seek to follow His teachings on money because what we spend our money on reveals our heart (*Matthew 6:21*). What you choose to give to ABC is primarily a matter between you and God – there is no compulsion or obligation to financially support the activities of ABC. All we would ask is that everyone who freely chooses to give financial donations to ABC does it out of generosity and joy (*2 Corinthians 9:6-7*), recognizing that God calls us to make the most of the resources He has blessed us with (*1 Timothy 6:17-19*).

Each week there is an opportunity to give a financial offering during the Sunday AM service. Alternatively, many people have regular Automatic Payments.

Feel free to talk with either one of our Pastors or our Treasurer if you would like to set up an Automatic Payment or give via online banking, or if you have any questions regarding giving at ABC.

NOTE: Any donations given to a registered charity are tax deductible. This means that at the end of the financial year you are eligible to receive a tax rebate of one-third (33%) of any financial donations you give to ABC.

(For more information see either www.ird.govt.nz or www.charities.govt.nz).