

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS GIVING

1. Faith Promise missions giving is a scriptural plan whereby missionary giving is accomplished by individuals or families through their local church.
2. Faith Promise missions giving is an amount where individuals or families contribute a certain amount weekly to the missionary fund of the local church. This amount is over and above the tithe, building fund offer, and any other offerings.
3. Faith Promise missions giving is based upon faith and is given first, just as the tithe, trusting God for needs. Faith Promise missions giving must be a realistic faith, not an unrealistic faith.
4. Faith Promise missions giving follows the basic Biblical principle of sowing & reaping, sowing always being the first - II Cor. 9:6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."
5. Faith Promise missions giving is not some clever contrivance or device. It is a precept laid down plainly in II Cor. 8 & 9, and especially the reference to the Corinthian's promise a year earlier. II Cor. 8:10 "And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago." II Cor. 9:2 "For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many."
6. The principle of giving in II Cor. 8 & 9 was for benevolence, but there were missionary implications stated there. II Cor. 10:15-16 "Not boasting of things without measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand." This preaching of the gospel in the regions beyond was missionary evangelism exactly as the missionary mandate prescribes. The Macedonian believers and churches supported Paul in his missionary work. Philippians 4:15-16 "Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even is Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity."
7. We believe that the Faith Promise missions giving commitment is for one year (thus the necessity of having a yearly Faith Promise offering).

8. Faith Promise missions giving is a commitment for an amount over and above your tithe and regular contributions to your local church.
9. Faith Promise missions giving is normally not designated to any one missionary. The church usually votes on distribution of these funds. However, if you wish to specify an amount above your Faith Promise that can be done for or in any period.
10. The Faith Promise offering is not a pledge. A pledge is a legal, binding agreement such as is signed with a lease or purchase of a car on credit.
11. The Faith Promise offering is between you, the giver, and the Lord. You will never be asked for it. The amounts on the cards are tabulated, they will be disposed of after the conference.
12. We have concluded that you should give your Faith Promise offering just as you give your tithe—right off the top. This is a scriptural offering God has promised to bless. Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Proverbs 11:24 "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth: and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."
13. Faith Promise missions giving depends, not on our ability to give, but on our faith in God to provide the means to give. The widow of Zarephath benevolently gave to the needs of the man of God, because she trusted the instructions given to her from God, by the man of God. God showed His ability to bless the cruse of oil and the barrel of meal so that "She, and he, and her house, did eat many days." This blessing was the result of her faith to trust our God.
14. Faith Promise missions giving is a trust in the Lord to supply the needs for this offering. The Macedonian believers were willing to give, not only what they could afford, but what they could not. II Cor. 8:3 "For to their power, I bear record, Yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves."
15. Faith Promise missions giving has as its source the motive of love for the Lord. II Cor. 8:8 "I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love."
16. Faith Promise missions giving has as its result, something which is good for the believer, good for the church, and good for the cause of missionary-evangelism, or world- wide missions. II Cor. 8:10 "And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be

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17. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that God not only is pleased with us giving to mission by faith, but God supplies those gifts. II Cor. 9:8-10 “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad: he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)”
18. Faith Promise missions giving includes every member of every family. Children and young people should be taught to tithe. They should also be taught the principles of Faith Promise missions giving. Children's Sunday School classes or junior churches can be taught to weekly collect Faith Promise giving for certain missionaries or missionary causes.
19. Faith Promise missions giving provides treasure in heaven for both the individual and the family. Matthew 6:19-21: “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”