

GIVING GUIDELINES

The most important decision you will make concerning “*Now is the TIME . . . More than a Building*” will be that of your own giving commitment. As you pray about your commitment, it should stretch your faith to commit your best, above the Lord’s tithes and your offerings. God has not given everyone the same financial resources, so we cannot all make the same “quantity of commitment.” However, God does call all of us to make the same “quality of commitment.”

Each of us has a choice to make:

I CAN GIVE BASED ON REASON:

This means I look at what I have, figure out what is “reasonable” and commit that amount. It takes faith to give by reason . . . but it is faith with limits. Reason asks, “What can I afford to give?”

I CAN GIVE BASED ON REVELATION:

This means the amount of my *Over & Above* giving will be determined by praying, “Lord, what do you want to give through me?” This requires faith. When I make giving a matter of prayer, my decision becomes an act of worship.

Revelation *Over & Above* giving is asking, “How much am I willing to trust God?”

The apostle Paul said of the Macedonians, . . . *They gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers . . .* (2 Corinthians 8:3-4).

It would be wonderful if God could say that about every person at AJ First.

Your contributions to “*Now is the TIME . . . More than a Building*” will be from now until March 2016. Contributions may be made on a weekly, monthly, or other basis as you seek to fulfill the commitment God has placed in your heart. A booklet entitled “*Over & Above Giving*” has been included to stimulate your thinking as you prayerfully consider your financial participation in “*Now is the TIME . . . More than a Building*”.