



grow one challenge

WHY THE “GROW ONE” CHALLENGE

Why the challenge to take a next step in faith and increase our financial giving by an additional 1% of our income in 2017—2018?

Certainly not to pay more of the church expenses or because "good" people give or because someone will probably try to make us feel guilty if we don't. None of these are valid reasons for increased giving.

The only valid reason for any financial giving to God is to respond in a positive way to Jesus' command, "Follow me." His teachings on giving clearly show that our money is an extension of who we are and what we value in life. Our giving to God reflects the meaning Christ has in our lives.

When we financially give to God we make a tangible expression of the gratitude we feel for all of his gifts to us, even the precious gift of life.

When we financially give to God, we become involved in Christ's ministry, not only here in Essendon but throughout the world. We become Christ's partners by saying that Christ Church Essendon means something in our life and that we want to be involved in what Christ is doing in the world.

But most importantly, when we financially give to God, we grow as maturing disciples of Jesus Christ, becoming happier and more spiritually vigorous and experiencing the incredible joy life has to offer when we are in partnership with Christ.

We urge you to carefully and prayerfully consider "GROWING ONE" step in financial faith in your commitment for next year.



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Thank you for your financial support in the past. It has enabled the parish to continue to employ a priest, maintain its buildings, build up the Kingdom of God and sustain a Christian witness in this area. Your support has been greatly appreciated by the Wardens and Parish Council.

It is time to invite you to reflect on your current giving with the possibility of increasing your contribution.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”

Matthew 6:21



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Weekly Giving Chart

INCOME	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
5,000	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
10,000	29	23	19	17	15	13	12	10	8	6	4	2
15,000	43	35	29	26	23	20	17	14	12	9	6	3
20,000	58	46	39	35	31	27	23	19	15	12	8	4
25,000	72	58	49	43	38	34	29	24	19	14	10	5
30,000	87	69	58	52	46	40	35	29	23	17	12	6
35,000	101	81	67	61	54	47	40	34	27	20	13	7
40,000	115	92	77	69	62	54	46	38	31	23	15	8
45,000	130	104	87	78	69	61	52	43	35	26	17	9
50,000	144	115	96	87	77	67	58	48	38	29	19	10
55,000	159	127	106	85	85	74	63	53	42	32	21	11
60,000	173	138	115	104	92	81	69	58	46	35	23	12
65,000	188	150	125	113	100	88	75	63	50	38	25	13
70,000	202	162	135	121	108	94	81	67	54	40	27	13
75,000	216	173	144	130	115	101	87	72	58	43	29	14
80,000	231	185	154	138	123	108	92	77	62	46	31	15
85,000	245	196	163	147	131	114	98	82	65	49	33	16
90,000	260	208	173	156	138	121	104	87	69	52	35	17
95,000	274	219	183	164	146	128	110	91	73	55	37	18
100,000	288	231	192	173	154	135	115	96	77	58	38	19

Whilst many people have fixed incomes and increasing their giving is impossible and we do not want to load guilt on any, we still urge you to carefully and prayerfully consider "GROWING ONE" step in financial faith in your commitment for next year.

CALCULATING THE "GROW ONE" CHALLENGE

- 1 From the left-hand column find the appropriate figure representing the approximate annual income for your family.
- 2 Move your eyes to the right until you find the amount closest to your weekly giving level.

Enter that number \$.....

- 3 Move your eyes to the top of the chart to determine what percentage that is of your income.

- 4 Move one (or more) columns to the left to consider "**GROWING ONE**" and move your eyes back down to your original annual giving line to see what your new weekly commitment would be if you "**GROW ONE**".

Enter that number \$.....

The difference is the amount of your weekly increase to "**GROW ONE**" in financial commitment while "growing many steps" in your faith relationship with God.