



**FAN THE
FLAME**

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:6

DEVELOPING A VIBRANT FAITH

BIG IDEA for this series: A life filled with vibrant faith does not develop by accident. We must fan the flame for it to grow.

*Timothy had faith and he had a gift, still he needed to fan it into flame.

	<i>I Have a Spark of Faith Inside</i>	<i>I'm Fanning the Flame</i>	<i>I Have a Fire Inside I'm Livin' by Faith</i>	<i>I'm On Fire All In For Jesus</i>
<i>Give</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I give based on whatever I happen to have or feel like at the time	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel a responsibility to support the church	<input type="checkbox"/> I love giving to God's work and feel blessed in doing so	<input type="checkbox"/> I take joy giving sacrificially to God's work & to bless others
	<input type="checkbox"/> I give when I'm present	<input type="checkbox"/> I give on a regular basis and I give a consistent amount	<input type="checkbox"/> I give a tenth/tithe of my income every pay period	<input type="checkbox"/> I have adjusted my lifestyle in order to give more

A Simple Guide to Giving—

First Fruits—Give to God first

- Put your giving to God on top of your budget.
- Make that payment first. (write the check, take out the cash or set up auto payment)
- Don't make God wait for your leftovers.

Tithing—Give God one tenth of your income

- To calculate one tenth (10%) of your income—tithe = $.10 \times \text{Your gross income}$
- Consistently give one tenth of your income whether it increases or decreases.
- If you have debt or other fixed expenses that leave you feeling you have little or no income that you can give, begin with some small amount that you will promise to give to God consistently. Know what your tithe would be and progressively grow your giving to that level. You will be surprised how God will bless you to give as you begin a consistent act of faithfulness.
- Generally, it is expected that the tithes of the congregation fuel the budget of the Church, so your tithe should simply be given as a whole to the general fund of the church without dividing it up or designating it to specific projects or line items.

Sacrificial Generosity—Giving beyond the Tithe

- Pray over all of your giving.
- Let the Holy Spirit lead you in making decisions that glorify God, serve the Gospel and bless others.
- Be joyful in giving more to whatever purpose that God calls you.
- Do not give out of emotional impulse, peer pressure or guilt.
- Do not give to gain personal recognition or to create a legacy for yourself.
- Do not give expecting to gain power, influence or control.
- Change your lifestyle to make yourself more available to God