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Question:

My household income is inconsistent...How do I know how much to give?

Answer:

Now, there are a lot of people who operate on a commission basis, or they have highly variable income, and the question is, "How do I know how much to give?" Well, there's a couple of ways that you could handle it. One, is that you could make an estimation, if you will, of what you plan on earning in the year, and give on a proportionate basis, or on a regular basis. I do believe that giving every week is a good thing, because it reminds me every week of where all of the resources I have come from. Giving is not because God needs the money, but it's in recognition of His ownership, and it's a demonstration to me that He is the provider of it. So, even if you have a highly variable income, you can give on a regular basis, making it an estimated amount.

The other alternative, of course, is every time you get the large check, you write the tithe check right out of that. And that's perfectly legitimate, too, but I would recommend that you give something on a regular basis; so that you understand and you demonstrate every single week that everything you have come from God. He owns it all, and I am a manager of all those things that He entrusted me with.