

Clarifying the Thank Offering

Comment from a Pastor

I don't think I understand the Thank Offering. It used to serve as one of the ways to "catch up" or get extra money to meet our budget responsibility. Now we are always caught up as we regularly send in our 5.5 percent [of church income]. No need to do a Thanksgiving "Extra" Offering. We get ours paid in full without it.

Response to Pastor

First, we sincerely appreciate your commitment to send the weekly or monthly offerings your people give for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Our global mission is fully supported by generously pastors and churches like yours to retain and increase our Gospel presence in more than 159 nations.

Second, please remember that the 5.5 percent goal for missions is a "floor," not the "ceiling." Living generously means that you can give far more than the minimum. When the goal for missions giving was reduced to 5.5 percent to assist some churches with their local mission needs, many churches decided to sustain their levels of giving at 10 percent or more. God's Word promises blessing for generosity!

Your giving beyond the 5.5 percent goal helps our global Nazarene family to enter new fields and start new works. Your additional giving also helps to equalize giving from other churches who send less than their 5.5 percent goal. God's Word commends this kind of sharing and balancing.

Finally, we always encourage our people to give in Thanks and Easter offerings. Most people give systematically through Faith Promise. But these two additional offerings gave everyone an opportunity to pray to review their consistent giving, to pray toward additional and sacrificial giving, and for our churches to give well beyond our WEF goals every year!

Thanks again, brother, for your faithfulness and partnership in leadership and stewardship. We affirm your passion and vision for global mission. Please let us know anytime how we can serve or assist you.



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