

An aerial photograph of a beach with deep blue ocean waves crashing onto the shore, creating white foam. The text 'GOSPEL GIVING' is centered in a white rectangular box.

# GOSPEL GIVING

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# TERM 2 – 2019

Week	Passage	Title
Gospel Giving		1. Why should we give?
Gospel Giving		2. How much should we give?
Gospel Giving		3. Who should we give to?
Week 1	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	Marriage, divorce and changing circumstances
Week 2	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	Marriage or mission?
Week 3	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Food sacrificed to idols
Week 4	1 Corinthians 9:1-23	The gospel and Christian freedom
Week 5	1 Corinthians 9:24 -11:1	A stern warning from history
Week 6	1 Corinthians 11:2-16	Head coverings and corporate worship
Week 7	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Class division at the Lord's Table

## We want to encourage each other to be on mission to our friends and family.

- a. To whom are you on mission? (List 3 people below)

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- b. Pray for them once a week for one minute (3-1-1)

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## How to use this guide

### 1. PERSONAL READING

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible every day.
- Scribble down your thoughts and questions every day. Remember to pray, asking God to help you by His Spirit, through His Word.

### 2. GROWTH GROUPS

- Take this guide with you to your Growth Group each week so you can write down prayer points that come from your time together that week.
- Let your group members know the names of those to whom you are on mission.

### 3. CHURCH

- Keep this guide with your Bible and bring it with you to church.
- Scribble down sermon notes in the space provided.

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# READ THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Something you might like to use to extend your daily Bible reading.

**The Bible is truly an extraordinary book, unique among all other books. It consists of 66 individual books, written by 40 different authors, in three different languages across 1,500 years of history. Yet for all of this diversity it contains a unified message that focuses on the coming of Jesus and the amazing salvation He offers through His death and resurrection!**

The Bible contains words written by men in all the richness of literary types making it fun, challenging and enjoyable to dig into. Yet, at the same time, the Bible is also the very words of God given to us by His Spirit (1 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). These are not just words spoken in times past, but words that are alive for us to read today (Hebrews 4:12-13). The God of the universe actually addresses us today clearly in the pages of the Bible – amazing!

Jesus says the entire Bible points us to Him, that He is the focal point of it all. Listen to what He says, “He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” (Luke 24:44). Or, again Jesus says, “You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” (John 5:39-40).

Knowing this is helpful in motivating us to read the Bible regularly, to keep building a bigger understanding of God’s purposes and how they are being fulfilled in Jesus. To help with this, the Daily Reading Notes now include an extra challenge: to read the whole Bible in two years. It’s totally optional, are you up for it?

There is a list of around 15 chapters of additional reading for each week of the term that will help you achieve this challenge. These readings can be done on whatever days work best and in whatever order you prefer to read them. At the end of each term you have a chance to catch up before the next term’s suggested readings begin again. You can also track your readings across the two years right here. Enjoy!

## YEAR 1: TERM 1

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| Week 1 | Genesis 1-5; Psalms 1-4; Genesis 5-10; Matthew 1-2      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Week 2 | Genesis 11-15; Psalms 5-7; Genesis 16-20; Matthew 3-4   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Week 3 | Genesis 21-25; Psalms 8-10; Genesis 26-30; Matthew 5-6  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Week 4 | Genesis 31-35; Psalms 11-16; Genesis 36-40; Matthew 7-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Week 5	Genesis 41-45; Psalms 17-19; Genesis 46-50; Matthew 10-11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Exodus 1-5; Psalms 20-24; Exodus 6-10; Matthew 12-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Exodus 11-15; Psalms 25-27; Exodus 16-20; Matthew 14-15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Exodus 21-25; Psalms 28-31; Exodus 26-30; Matthew 16-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Exodus 31-35; Psalms 32-34; Exodus 36-40; Matthew 18-19	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Leviticus 1-5; Psalms 35-37; Leviticus 6-10; Matthew 20-21	<input type="checkbox"/>

### YEAR 1: TERM 2

Week 1	Leviticus 11-15; Psalms 38-41; Leviticus 16-20; Matthew 22-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Leviticus 21-27; Numbers 1-3; Proverbs 1-3; Matthew 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Numbers 4-13; Proverbs 4-6; Matthew 27-28	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Numbers 14-23; Proverbs 7-9; Acts 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Numbers 24-33; Psalms 42-44; Acts 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Numbers 34-36; Psalms 45-48; Acts 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Deuteronomy 1-7; Psalms 49-51; Acts 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Deuteronomy 8-17; Psalms 52-54; Acts 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Deuteronomy 18-27; Psalms 55-57; Acts 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Deuteronomy 28-34; Joshua 1-3; Psalms 58-61; Acts 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/>

### YEAR 1: TERM 3

Week 1	Joshua 4-13; Psalms 62-65; Acts 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Joshua 14-23; Psalms 66-68; Acts 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Joshua 24; Judges 1-9; Psalms 69-71; Acts 19-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Judges 10-19; Psalms 72; Proverbs 10-11; Acts 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Judges 20-21; Ruth 1-4; 1 Samuel 1-4; Proverbs 12-14; Acts 23-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	1 Samuel 5-14; Proverbs 15-17; Acts 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	1 Samuel 15-24; Proverbs 18-20; Acts 27-28	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	1 Samuel 25-31; 2 Samuel 1-3; Proverbs 21-22; Mark 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	2 Samuel 4-13; Psalms 73-75; Mark 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	2 Samuel 14-24; Psalms 76-77; Mark 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>

# READ THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

## YEAR 1: TERM 4

Week 1	1 Kings 1-5; Psalms 78-80; 1 Kings 6-10; Mark 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	1 Kings 11-15; Psalms 81-83; 1 Kings 16-20; Mark 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	1 Kings 21-22; 2 Kings 1-8; Psalms 84-86; Mark 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	2 Kings 9-13; Psalms 87-89; 2 Kings 14-18; Mark 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	2 Kings 19-25; 1 Chronicles 1-3; Psalms 90-93; Mark 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	1 Chronicles 4-8; Psalms 94-96; 1 Chronicles 9-13; Romans 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	1 Chronicles 14-18; Psalms 97-101; 1 Chronicles 19-23; Romans 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	1 Chronicles 24-29; Psalms 102-104; Romans 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	2 Chronicles 1-5; Psalms 105-106; 2 Chronicles 6-10; Romans 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	2 Chronicles 11-15; Proverbs 23-25; 2 Chronicles 16-20; Romans 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/>

## YEAR 2: TERM 1

Week 1	2 Chronicles 21-25; Proverbs 26-28; 2 Chronicles 26-30; Romans 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	2 Chronicles 31-36; Ezra 1-4; Proverbs 29-31; Romans 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Ezra 5-10; Nehemiah 1-4; Psalms 107-109; Romans 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Nehemiah 5-13; Psalms 110-113; 1 Corinthians 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Esther 1-10; Psalms 114-117; 1 Corinthians 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Job 1-5; Psalms 118; Job 6-10; 1 Corinthians 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Job 11-15; Psalms 119:1-48; Job 16-20; 1 Corinthians 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Job 21-25; Psalms 119:49-96; Job 26-30; 1 Corinthians 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Job 31-35; Psalms 119:97-144; Job 36-40; 1 Corinthians 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Job 41-42; Ecclesiastes 1-8; Psalms 119:145-176; 1 Corinthians 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/>

## YEAR 2: TERM 2

Week 1	Ecclesiastes 9-12; Song of Songs 1-5; Psalms 120-122; 1 Cor 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Songs of Songs 6-8; Isaiah 1-7; Psalms 123-125; Luke 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Isaiah 8-12; Psalms 126-130; Isaiah 13-17; Luke 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Isaiah 18-22; Psalms 131-135; Isaiah 23-27; Luke 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Isaiah 28-32; Psalms 136-138; Isaiah 33-37; Luke 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/>

Week 6	Isaiah 38-42; Psalms 139-142; Isaiah 43-47; Luke 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Isaiah 48-52; Psalms 143-145; Isaiah 53-57; Luke 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Isaiah 58-62; Psalms 146-147; Isaiah 63-66; Luke 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Jeremiah 1-5; Psalms 148-150; Jeremiah 6-10; Luke 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Jeremiah 11-15; Luke 17-21; Jeremiah 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>

### YEAR 2: TERM 3

Week 1	Jeremiah 21-25; Luke 21-24; Jeremiah 26-30; 2 Corinthians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Jeremiah 31-35; 2 Corinthians 2-7; Jeremiah 36-40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Jeremiah 41-45; 2 Corinthians 8-13; Jeremiah 46-50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Jeremiah 51-52; Lamentations 1-5; Galatians 1-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Ezekiel 1-5; Ephesians 1-6; Ezekiel 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Ezekiel 11-15; Philippians 1-4; Ezekiel 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Ezekiel 21-25; Colossians 1-4; Ezekiel 26-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Ezekiel 31-35; 1 Thessalonians 1-5; Ezekiel 36-40; 2 Thessalonians 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Ezekiel 41-48; 1 Timothy 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Daniel 1-10; Titus 1-3; Philemon	<input type="checkbox"/>

### YEAR 2: TERM 4

Week 1	Daniel 11-12; Hosea 1-8; Hebrews 1-7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Hosea 9-14; Joel 1-3; Hebrews 8-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Amos 1-9; James 1-5; 1 Peter 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Obadiah; Jonah 1-4; 2 Peter 1-3; 1 John 1-6; 2 John; 3 John	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Micah 1-7; Nahum 1-3; Jude; Revelation 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Habakkuk 1-3; Revelation 6-19:10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 19:11-22:21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Haggai 1-2; John 1-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Zechariah 1-14; John 13-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Malachi 1-4; John 18-21	<input type="checkbox"/>

# INTRODUCTION: GOSPEL GIVING

**Since EV Church began in 1996, our mission has been to make deep disciples in ever-increasing numbers through the proclamation of the Word and prayer. And Jesus has blessed our efforts to build His church! From the beginning, this mission has been resourced by the sacrificial and generous gifts of His people, empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

These studies are intended to help us reflect on the great deal that the Bible has to teach us on giving. Money can be a great temptation and can cause believers to stumble. On the other hand, it can be used for great good and to bring the Lord praise and honour.

**We want to answer three key questions over three weeks:**

- 1. Why should we give?**
- 2. How much should we give?**
- 3. Who should we give to?**

Please pray that the Lord would use these studies powerfully in the life of our church.

These Daily Reading Notes can be read in conjunction with the Gospel Giving handbook, available in the Foyer or from the EV Church office.





# GOSPEL GIVING

See pages 4 and 5 of the Gospel Giving handbook.

*"We love because he first loved us."*

1 John 4:19

## DAY 1: God gave first

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

1. What does Paul commend about the Macedonian churches?
2. What is the foundational reality that should motivate our generosity?  
(See 8:9)
3. To what extent does God's gift to you in Jesus move you and encourage you to be generous?

**Prayer:** Thank God for His generosity to us in Christ, and pray that His Spirit would be powerfully at work in your life to make you a generous disciple.

# 1. Why should we give?

## DAY 2: Renewed minds and changed hearts

### BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Leviticus 11-15; Psalms 38-41;  
Leviticus 16-20; Matthew 22-24

### Read 1 John 3:16-18

1. Why does the Gospel demand that we materially care for brothers and sisters in need?
2. What is at stake in how we decide to spend our money?
3. How has knowing Christ changed your spending habits?

**Prayer:** Ask the Lord to give you a gospel heart and spending priorities that glorify Him.

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## DAY 3: Eternal priorities

### Read Matthew 6:19-24

1. Why is it foolish to prioritise storing up treasure on earth over treasure in heaven?
2. How does money compete with God for our allegiance? (See 6:24)
3. Is your attitude to money aligned with deep devotion and worship of Jesus?

**Prayer:** Pray that the Holy Spirit would enable you to worship the Lord with your money.

# 1. Why should we give?

## **DAY 4:** For God's glory and our good

### **Read Philippians 4:10-19**

1. Why is Paul glad that the Philippians had supported him generously? (See 4:17)
2. How does their financial support of Paul strengthen their relationship with God? (See 4:18-19)
3. When have you experienced that "it is more blessed to give than receive"? (See Acts 20:35)

**Prayer:** Give thanks that the Lord loves and blesses the cheerful giver.

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## DAY 5: To make disciples

Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16; 5:17-18

1. Why is it appropriate to financially support “elders”?
2. Why are “elders whose work is preaching and teaching” so important to church health and our mission together?
3. Is your commitment to financially supporting gospel workers in line with the Bible’s teaching?

**Prayer:** Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up workers for the harvest, and that as a fellowship of believers we would support them generously.

# 1. Why should we give?

## NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# GOSPEL GIVING

See pages 6 and 7 of the Gospel Giving handbook.

*"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."*

**1 Timothy 6:17-19**

## DAY 1: The tithe

**Read Deuteronomy 33:8-11**

1. What was the role of the tribe of Levi?

**Read Numbers 18:21-24**

2. All the descendant tribes of Israel received an allotment of land, but not the Levites. How were they provided for?
3. How might this arrangement of the life of God's people in the Old Testament inform our understanding of church life?

**Prayer:** Ask the Lord to guide our church family as we seek to rightly honour Him in our financial giving.



# 2. How much should we give?

## DAY 2: Freewill offerings and other sacrifices

Read **Deuteronomy 12:1-7**

### BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Leviticus 21-27; Numbers 1-3;  
Proverbs 1-3; Matthew 25-26

1. How was Israelite worship to be different to pagan worship?
2. In what other ways, apart from the tithe, did the Israelites express their devotion and love of the Lord?
3. How might we express our devotion and love of the Lord today in the way we spend our money?

**Prayer:** Pray for wisdom as our Church Council prepares budgets and oversees the EV Church finances.

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## DAY 3: Gifts for building the temple

### Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

1. Why did King David and the leadership of Israel give to the building of the temple? Were they compelled to?
2. The temple has been superseded (1 Peter 2:4-10). What is today's equivalent of investing in temple building?
3. Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it". (Matthew 16:18)

To what extent do you think our church is engaged in a mighty spiritual building project?

**Prayer:** Pray that willing generosity, as seen in King David and the leaders of Israel, might be evident in our church today.

## 2. How much should we give?

### DAY 4: Jesus teaching on generosity

**Read Mark 12:41-44**

1. How is it that Jesus can say the widow put in more than all the others?
2. If it isn't the absolute amount we give that matters, what is it about our giving that will please our Heavenly Father?
3. Can you recall any instances of sacrificial gospel giving that have inspired you?

**Prayer:** Give thanks for the those who have gone before us and given sacrificially so that we can share and benefit from the gospel ministry on the coast today.

# GOSPEL GIVING

## DAY 5: Gospel generosity

### Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-14

1. What are the principles we see here to guide our giving?
2. What are some of the benefits that will come from their generous giving?  
(See 9:10-14)
3. How have you seen the Lord praised and His people blessed through your financial gifts.

**Prayer:** Thank God that He gives us the privilege of sharing so intimately in His purposes and plans.

## 2. How much should we give?

### **NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS**

# GOSPEL GIVING

**To be read in conjunction with pages 9 to 11 of the Gospel Giving handbook.**

*"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'*

*"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'*

*"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."*

**Luke 12:18-21**

## DAY 1: The local mission and church

### Read Matthew 28:18-20

1. What are the implications of this command for the local church on the coast in the 21st century?

### Read Matthew 6:19-21

2. How can we direct our finances in a way that will store up treasure in heaven?
3. How well aligned is our church with this great commission of Jesus?

**Prayer:** Pray that we would see many people in our generation won for Christ on the coast.

# Who should we give to?

## DAY 2: The local mission and church

### BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Numbers 4-13; Proverbs 4-6;  
Matthew 27-28

### Read 1 Corinthians 9:7-11 and 1 Timothy 5:17-18

God's people have always needed to set apart people to lead, teach and minister amongst them. In the Old Testament era, this role was fulfilled through the priests and Levites (1/12th of the nation). In the New Testament era, it is through overseers, elders, teachers and deacons.

1. As churches grow, why is it appropriate and wise that they set aside and support some brothers and sisters to lead, teach and administer church life?
2. Do you think the way we have set aside a ministry team at EV is in line with the Bible's teaching?

**Prayer:** Give thanks for those committed to leading and teaching in our church. Pray that the Lord and His people would provide for their needs.

# GOSPEL GIVING

## DAY 3: Mission beyond – church planting and missionaries

### Read Philippians 1:3-6 and 4:14-20

1. What was the nature of the partnership between the Philippians and Paul in his mission?
2. How important was the partnership to Paul, and how important was it to the Philippian church?
3. What do you know of the missionaries and church plants that the EV Church family has, and has had a partnership with?

**Prayer:** Give thanks that EV Church has the privilege of partnership in gospel work beyond us in Australia and the world. Pray that these partnerships would be rich and bring much gospel fruit.



# 3. Who should we give to?

## DAY 4: The Christian poor

**Read Matthew 25:31-46**

1. What behaviour is Jesus saying will lead to judgement?
2. How is our attitude to our brothers and sisters in need linked to our relationship with Jesus? (See 25:40)
3. How have you seen Christians caring for brothers and sisters in need?

**Prayer:** One way this care is expressed in the EV Church family is in our support of more than 400 Compassion children. Pray that the needs of these children will be provided for, and that they would grow to know and love Jesus all their days.

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## DAY 5: Others in need

### Read Galatians 6:7-10

1. What is to be the priority in the support of those in need?

2. Who is not a potential subject of our care?

### Read Luke 10:25-37

3. Jesus is speaking to a Jewish audience who hated Samaritans. The Samaritan provides life-giving, self-sacrificial care to the Levite. What are the principles of giving that Jesus underscores here?

**Prayer:** Pray that we would be known to our neighbours as generous and caring people.

# 3. Who should we give to?

## NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS