

## Steps towards a Giving in Grace Stewardship Programme

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Time discussing the stewardship challenge in your church is time well spent. Ensure full support from the church council or leadership team and appoint a small planning group to oversee Giving in Grace.

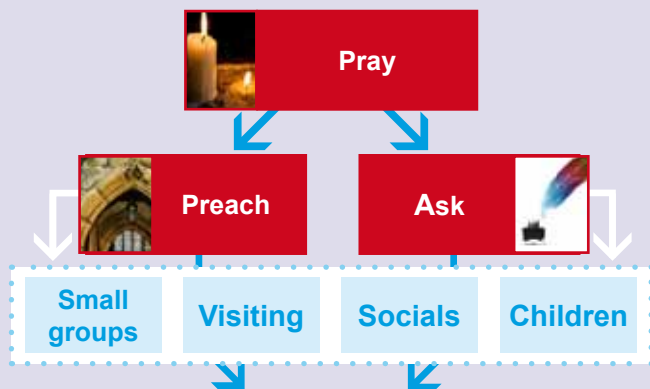
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There are three key planning tasks. The preparation of a **case statement** captures the key information and structures the early work of the planning group. The **programme design** with its essential and optional elements must be adapted to the needs and capacity of the church. And finally, **preparing the literature** using and adapting the templates provided: brochure, letters, response form and distribution lists.

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The core and optional elements of a programme are outlined inside this leaflet. Each church must balance the scope of the programme with both local needs and available resources of time, people and energy.

### POST PROGRAMME



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Critical here is prompt, efficient and personal follow up which thanks everyone for their pledges and responds to requests for additional information. A final evaluation will help assess impact and identify future stewardship priorities for the church.



*"excel in this grace of giving"*  
2 Corinthians 8 v 7



*All you need to run a successful stewardship programme in your church.*

# What is Giving in Grace?

Giving in Grace is a fully resourced stewardship programme for your church. It is tried and tested and it works. Congregations large and small have experienced significant increases in giving.

## Generous discipleship

Giving in Grace understands generosity as the hallmark of Christian stewardship. It challenges congregations to 'excel in the grace of giving', connecting generous giving with both personal discipleship and the ministry and mission needs of the church.

## Practical tools

This biblical approach is blended with clear, practical step by step guidance on planning a programme and a wealth of ready to use resources.

You will find simple financial tools, customisable templates for letters, leaflets and a case statement and a lot of very practical advice.

## Customise for your church

The resources are extensive. Investing some time to review the website and consider the options in light of the resources and circumstances of your church will pay dividends when you start to plan.

The resources are flexible and should be customised to suit your local context. There are core elements but feel free to adapt and abridge for your situation. There are optional elements to choose from as they meet your needs. The Case Statement can be prepared in full or simplified to core financial data.

[www.givinginGrace.org](http://www.givinginGrace.org)

## Core Elements

The Giving in Grace stewardship programme provides the tools and resources for effective preaching and teaching, communicating the financial challenge and making a personal ask. Your programme should include:



### Prayer

Prayer is essential so you will find liturgical resources, complete services, prayer resources for church councils and for planning groups and creative ideas to help people to pray.



### Preaching

The website includes extensive preaching resources for a three or four week preaching series with different themes to choose from.

### Asking

There are customisable templates for leaflets to provide information about the financial needs of the church, templates for personal letters and response forms, and to enable them to respond.



## Optional Elements

In addition to the essential elements, there are further resources and ideas for you to use and adapt as you decide is appropriate in your church.

### Small Groups

There are materials both for existing small groups and for new groups you may decide to set up whilst you are following Giving in Grace. Some materials complement the preaching series whilst others are standalone.



### Children and Young People

Teaching our children and young people about giving will help them to grow up generous, grateful and content and not simply young consumers.



### Social events

These can often be excellent ways of communicating and can serve a positive purpose, not least in more rural areas.



### Home visiting

You may find it beneficial to visit church members (or a section of them) to deliver the letters, leaflets and response forms.