

Offering

Exodus 35:5 – Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

Next, an offering is a gift given over and above the tithe. It is a free will gift to the church. There is no set amount and given as the Holy Spirit leads and directs. This gift is an expression of love to God with a willing heart. No law to do it. Just an act of praise and worship to the Almighty God who loves you. The amount of the offering doesn't make any difference, it is the obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit's direction that is important. Jesus tells of this in Luke 6: 1-4 – And He looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And He Said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. What He was saying was, This widow has given by far the largest offering today. All these others gave offerings that they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford – she gave her all. She gave with a willing heart, a cheerful giver. God wants us to give with a willing heart and not because we feel compelled.