

Offering Script 1 // Scripture Verse

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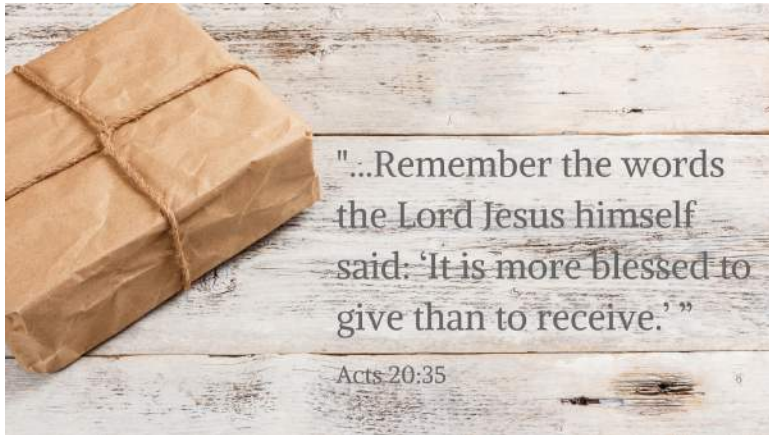
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Smile! // Seriously ... be joyful in this part of our service. We're asking people to join our church in fulfilling our mission. This is fun!

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Talking Points //

- Call the ushers forward to receive today's tithes and offering.
- As we think about today's tithes and offering, I want to remind us about this important piece of scripture that asks us to remember what Jesus said about giving: Acts 20:35.
- What does "blessed" mean though? There are two different definitions of this word in English:
 - very welcome, pleasant, or appreciated
 - having a sacred nature, connected with God
- That sounds like the sort of thing we all want in life ... a pleasant connection with God! :)
- We've all experienced this: thinking about what someone we love would love to receive and the anticipation of giving a gift of great value to that person. It is a real honor and a great joy or privilege to give that gift!
- Today we have the opportunity to be blessed as we give to God through this offering. It's not a chore or obligation but a blessing. I've known that blessing in my life and I want you to know it in yours as well.
- Thank you so much for choosing to give to God through the ministry of this church!
- Prayer.

Offering Script 2 // Story

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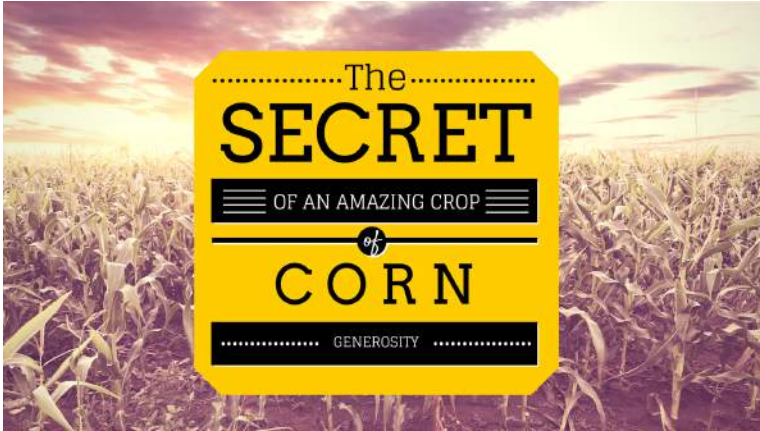
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- There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won first prize. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned the farmer's strategy for growing winning corn. What was it? Simply this: the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.
- "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.
- "Why," said the farmer, "don't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."
- The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.
- We want to put this into practice with the people in our church and community. To develop healthy families and individuals, we must work in partnership with other groups in our community.
- Here at our church we are working with a number of community agencies to make our town better ... {INSERT WAYS THAT YOU ARE WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY}
- A part of today's offering goes to support these initiatives. Thank you for allowing us to reach out and support them every week!
- Prayer.

Offering Script 3 // Family Ministry

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- Call the ushers forward to receive today's tithes and offering.
- Who remembers these from when we were kids? Googly eyes! They were so fun for making crafts.
- Every week our family ministry uses all kinds of practical hands-on materials, like googly eyes, to teach our kids about Jesus.
- Our pre-school team recently {INSERT A CRAFT THAT THEY DID}
- Our elementary team got in on the action with {INSERT A CRAFT THAT THEY DID}
- Even our student ministry does cool stuff like {INSERT SOMETHING THAT REQUIRED SUPPLIES TO RUN}
- All of those materials, from googly eyes to {STUDENT MINISTRY ITEM}, are provided because people like you give to our offering. Thank you for providing for our family ministry in such a practical manner! When you give today, know that we're using those resources to help reach the next generation with the message of Jesus!
- Prayer.

Offering Script 4 // Quote

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- I think this quotation describes so many people at our church!
- There are people who choose to give to this ministry and don't expect anything in return. They give because they believe in the mission that God has called this church to, and they give because they are responding to what Jesus has done in their lives.
- And they aren't going to get repaid!
 - The kids in our children's ministry aren't going to send a thank-you note.
 - The missionaries we support as a church don't know about your individual gift.
 - {INSERT ANOTHER LOCAL EXAMPLE}
- But I want you to know that we're thankful. We're thankful that you've decide to give today through this church. You have a lot of options and we're honored that you've decided to give here.
- Your investment is making a difference today ... and in the future!
- Prayer.

Offering Script 5 // Grab Bag

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- Call the ushers forward to receive today's tithes and offering.
- I know every week at about this time in our service we talk about our offering. Today I just want to say "thank you." Thank you for giving to this church.
- Because you give weekly to this ministry all kinds of good things happen:
 - Our kids ministry team is able to pass the message on to the next generation.
 - We're able to support people who are in need of special help through our benevolence fund.
 - It enables us to do our work overseas to help the last, least, and lost.
 - {INSERT OTHER EXAMPLES OF YOUR OFFERING IN ACTION}
- Thank you! We know that you work hard to provide for your family and we're honored that you would also give to this ministry.
- Prayer.