

Write the First Check to God

When payday is on a Friday our offerings are higher than Sunday. Does that surprise you? It works like this. If the fifteenth is on a Monday a church will take in less money than if the fifteen is on a Friday. Why is that? From Monday to Saturday we spend what we make. Then we arrive at church, check our account and see what we can afford to give. Since there is typically less in the account the church gets less.

I am convinced that every Christian wants to be more generous! Let me tell you one reason why many struggle. If you are like me you sit down once or twice a month to pay your bills. Isn't amazing how quickly all that hard earned cash seems to disappear? If you are like most folks you hope that when you get to the bottom of all the bills there will still be some money left to do what you want to do. At the end of paying your bills do you find it hard to come up with money for an offering? Let me suggest a practical way for you to be able to afford to give.

In Matthew 6:33 Jesus says, "But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." In keeping with that verse start your bill paying by writing the first check to God. When you write the first check to God you really are fulfilling what Jesus said. You are putting God first above going to get pizza, taking in the newest movie or buying that new whatever that you think you can't live without. Writing the first check to God ensures that you give and give appropriately.

One final way to assure that you do this is by setting up online giving to be recurring. You can go to our website and easily do this. Then the first check or draft comes out first to God.

As our ushers come forward for the offering consider utilizing this practical approach to giving. Perhaps it is too late for this offering but work on getting to that point in your life. By writing the first check to God you set the standard for what is important and meaningful to you. **Then you can fulfill that desire to be more generous!**