



More Than
STONE SOUP

A Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program for Congregations

WEEK #5 - TEMPLE TALK NOTES

Timing: Sunday of Week #5.

Purpose: Introduce and provide instructions for planning and estimating giving using the Growth in Giving Challenge Chart.

Suggested Speaker: This talk can be delivered by anyone except Pastor.

Objectives and Suggestions: Cover the following during the talk:

1. This is the Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program. Speak with enthusiasm!
2. Mention the Challenge of the Stones, and ask if anyone owes the Soup Pot. Invite anyone who owes to come forward and pay their fine. \$1.
3. Be prepared to provide Growth in Giving Challenge Charts, but explain they will be collected following the worship service so they can be included in the mailing.
4. Read and explain the challenge to tithe as found on the bottom of the back side of the chart. Encourage tithing as a goal for giving.
5. Provide instructions on how to use the chart by providing the following: Families are to locate their income, either weekly or annually, on the Income Range columns; follow the row across until present giving level is located; increase giving by one or more percent by moving to the right on the line; use the new giving level as their estimate for giving when the Estimate of Giving Card is completed.
6. Demonstrate the chart's use by selecting the hypothetical annual income of \$26,000 and a current weekly giving level of \$25.00. Point out that this is a giving level of 5%. Then explain that by moving one box to the right, an increase of 1% in giving would result in a weekly contribution of \$30.00, and an increase in giving of 2% would mean increasing weekly giving to \$35 which is 7%.
7. Offer to meet after worship with anyone who would like additional explanation of the Chart. Indicate the location that has been designated for meeting.

8. Explain that next Sunday the Estimate of Giving Cards will be distributed and collected following the sermon and hymn of the day.
9. Invite the Finance and Data Coordinator to come forward and present the Leadership Commitment Report.
10. Repeat again that families and individuals who willingly and deliberately plan their giving in advance are more generous than those who don't plan.
11. Encourage all to participate in the growth in giving exercise by prayerfully considering their giving during the coming week, and deliberately planning their giving for the coming year. Encourage all to accept the challenge to work toward achieving a tithe in giving.
12. Remind all to plan on staying for the Celebration Banquet next Sunday following worship.
13. Thank everyone for their attentiveness, and then take you seat.