

**THE**  
**ALMIGHTY**  
**DOLLAR**

THE POWER OF MONEY AND HOW WE HANDLE IT

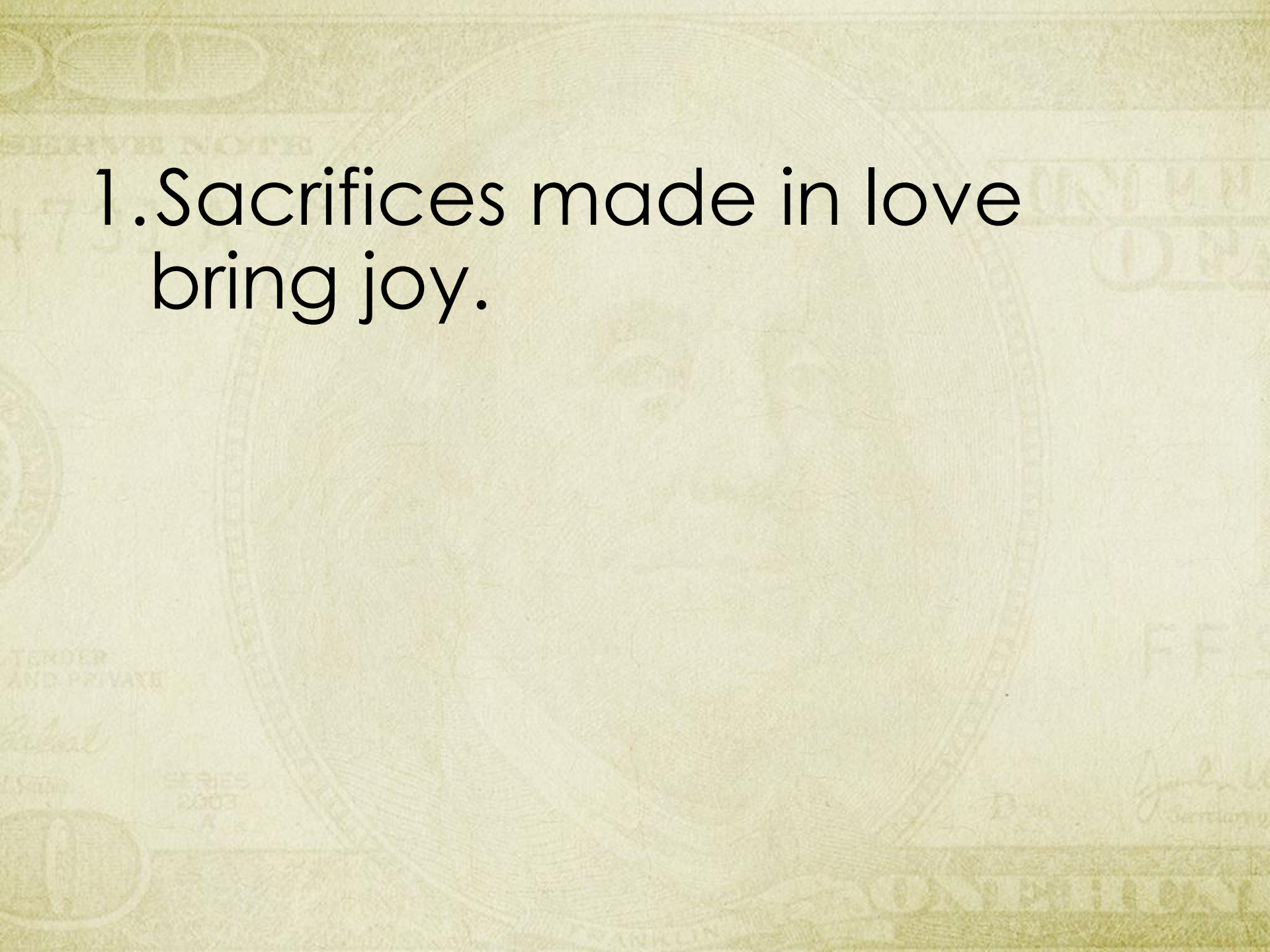
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# Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

# Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

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2. Sacrifices made under compulsion bring resentment and rebellion.
3. Giving money to the Church is a sacrifice.

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“It is impossible to become a fully developed follower of Jesus without also becoming a fully devoted steward of your resources.”



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Give > Save > Spend

# Giving Transition 1

From  
Not Giving  
to  
Giving

# Financial Guidelines (ECFA)

**Standard 1** - Doctrine: Operate according to biblical truths and practices

**Standard 2** - Governance: Be governed by a responsible independent board

**Standard 3** - Financial Oversight: Undergo annual review of all financial statements

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**Standard 4** - Use of Resources and Compliance with Laws

**Standard 5** - Transparency: Must provide financial statement upon request

**Standard 6** - Compensation-Setting and Related-Party Transactions with integrity and conforming to best practices

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## **Standard 7** - Stewardship of Charitable Gifts

**7.1** Truthfulness in Communications

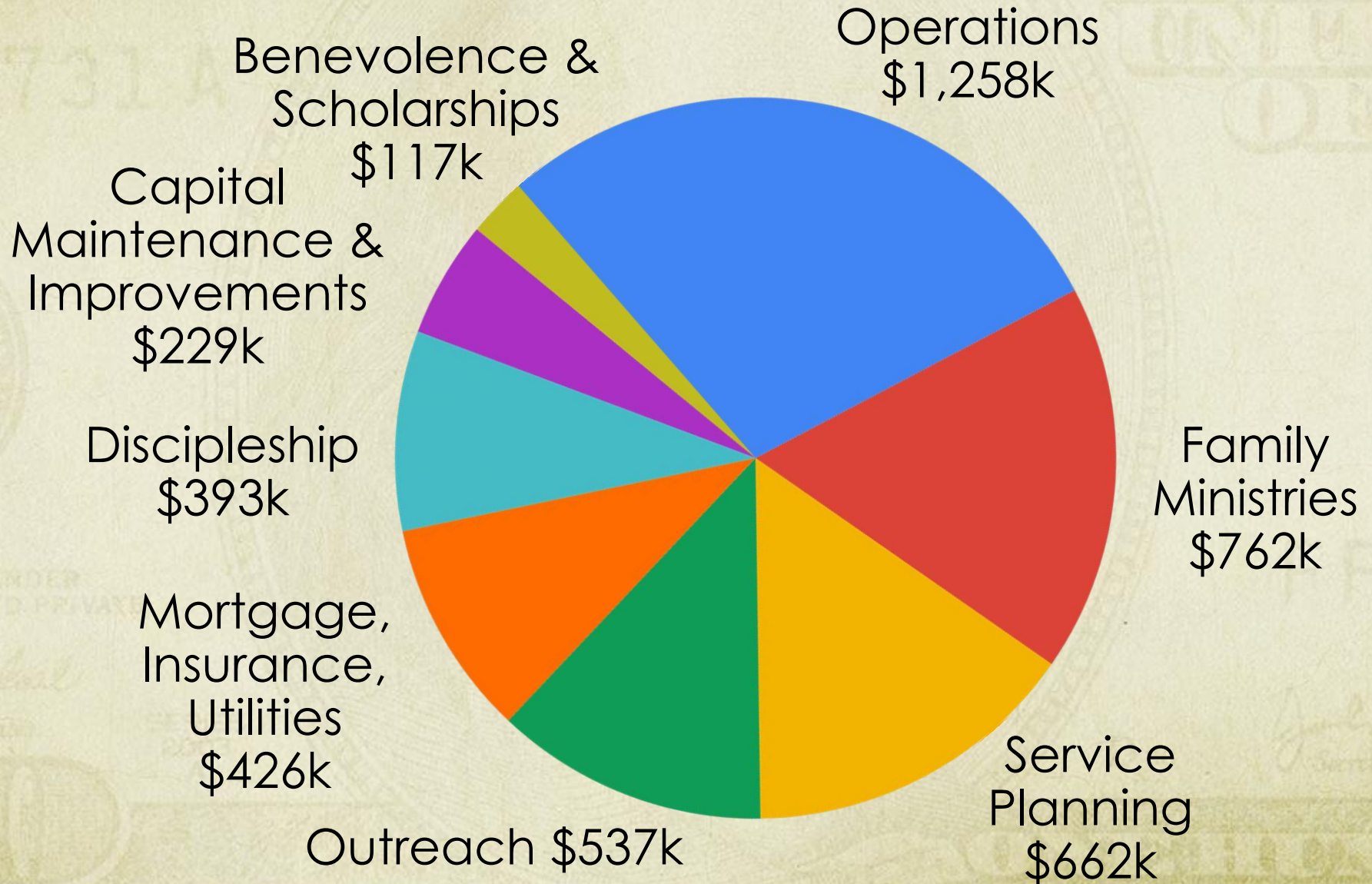
**7.2** Giver Expectations and Intent

**7.3** Charitable Gift Communication

**7.4** Acting in the Best Interest of Givers

**7.5** Percentage Compensation for Securing Charitable Gifts

# Approved Budget - 2019



# General Fund - as of 6/30/19

## General Fund Finances as of June 30, 2019 (in thousands)

	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Ministry Needs Budget	God Sized Dreams Budget
Contributions & Other Income	\$1,292	\$1,408	\$1,385	\$1,504
Ministry Expenses	\$1,511	\$1,556	\$1,576	\$1,655

# Giving Transition 2

From  
Giving Occasionally  
to  
Giving Regularly



# 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NLT)

Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.

# Giving Transition 3

From  
Giving Regularly  
to  
Giving Proportionately

# 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

# Matthew 23:23 (NLT)

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees.

Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

# Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

# Galatians 5:1 (NLT)

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

## 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

“For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

# Giving Transition 4

From  
Giving Proportionately  
to  
Giving Extraordinarily



