

# MISSIONS GIVING THROUGH FAITH PROMISE

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Are you  
***leaving money***  
on the table?



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# A BIT OF HISTORY

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- Nazarene World Evangelism offerings:
  - Easter
  - Thanksgiving

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- Oswald J. Smith, pastor in Toronto, Canada



“We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first.”

“Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.”

# FAITH PROMISE ANIMATED VIDEO

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A one-minute explanation from Grace Church in Coral Gables/Fort Myers, FL (a United Methodist congregation)



# THE CULBERTSON FAMILY STORY

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# YOU ARE POSSIBLY “LEAVING MONEY ON THE TABLE”

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Once upon a time, it looked like this:

Tithe + Missions Offerings

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What was once “mission offering” money over and above the tithe has, in many churches, simply become a percentage taken out of the tithe money.

Tithe + ~~Missions Offerings~~



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Tithe



# A CALL FOR SACRIFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN YOUR CHURCH'S WORLD MISSIONS GIVING

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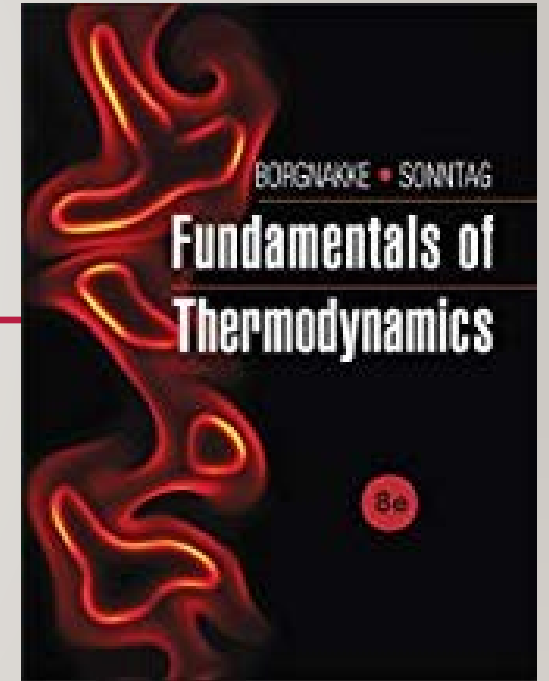
- Annual event
- Sometimes, a mid-year reminder event

*It's not just about money*

## TIMMY'S LAW

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- Thermodynamics: Concept of entropy in Second Law
- Entropy = gradual decline, deterioration, degeneration
- Layman's terms: Heat dissipates
- Timmy's Law: ***Over time, missions passion dissipates***



# A FAITH PROMISE EVENT HELPS REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF “TIMMY’S LAW”

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Timmy’s Law: **Over time, passion for world evangelism dissipates**



# 7 DOZEN DOs AND DON'Ts

## #1

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- Don't spring Faith Promise on people "out of the blue"
- Do get people talking about it ahead of time

# 7 DOZEN DOs AND DON'Ts

## #2

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- Don't be afraid it will siphon money away from other needs
- Do apply the principle in I Corinthians 12:26: *“If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.”*

# 7 DOs AND DON'Ts

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- Don't see it as pleading and begging for more money.
- Do see it as opportunity for people to do what God has already called them to do: Give lavishly.

# 7 DOs AND DON'Ts

## #4

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- Don't think of it simply in terms of dollars.
- Do use it to:
  - Generate passion for world evangelism
  - Call for intercessory prayer support
  - Urge children and youth to be open to God's call to ministry service



# 7 DOs AND DON'Ts

## #5

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- Don't try to do all promotion via pulpit / newsletter / worship folder.
- Do some (or a lot of) one-on-one or small group promotion, giving people opportunity to ask questions and express reservations.

# 7 DOs AND DON'Ts

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- Don't think of a Faith Promise event as simply the sermon time.
- Do make that Sunday morning a world-missions themed service from beginning to end (*including all the music*).

# 7 DOs AND DON'Ts

## #7

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- If there's a short-fall in reaching 5.5% with Faith Promise, don't simply make up the difference by dipping into tithe money.
- Do give people opportunity to reach your World Evangelism Fund goal through offerings at Thanksgiving and Easter (*and Christmas and whatever other times may be necessary!*)

# KEYS TO BEING SUCCESSFUL WITH FAITH PROMISE

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1. Advance preparation
2. Creative special event with lots of participation
3. Use testimonies of your own members
4. Clear call for commitment and chance to respond
5. Follow-up encouragement throughout the year

# LEAVING MONEY ON THE TABLE

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1. You're not helping Kingdom work by leaving money on the table
2. You're not helping your congregation by leaving money on the table

# FEEDBACK TIME

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Faith Promise success stories that have warmed your heart . . . .

# FAITH PROMISE ANIMATED VIDEO

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This PowerPoint presentation is available along with related materials and other PowerPoint presentations at  
<http://homesnu.edu/~hculbert/ppt.htm>