

1 Do you have a clear statement of the church's mission and vision, and have you shared it with the wider congregation?

- We don't have one
- We have one but have not shared it effectively
- We have one and it is well-known

▶ *People give more generously where there is a clear vision – it helps to stimulate enthusiasm and joy in giving. If you don't have a plan or vision, writing one should be your first priority.*

2 How frequently do you include financial issues as part of your ongoing teaching on discipleship?

- Never
- Seldom
- Sometimes
- Often

▶ *With 2300 Bible verses on money, wealth and possessions, and a third of Jesus' parables about these topics, there is plenty of opportunity to include money topics in the regular diet of preaching (see p.10).*

3 When did you last provide church members with some principles to guide them in their giving of money to the church?

- Never
- Some time ago
- Within the last 12 months
- Always available

▶ *If the Church doesn't provide an alternative perspective on giving, then church members' view of giving and generosity will be shaped by secular charities (see p.10).*

4 Do your church members understand why your church needs money, and the link between their giving and resultant mission and ministry?

- Probably not
- Don't know
- A few do
- Most members do

▶ *Helping people see the connection between their giving and the Church's provision of ministry and mission the church is vital (see p12).*

5 How do you give away money to other Christian causes and charities?

- We don't give much away
- Only via special collections
- We have a policy of giving a percentage of income away

▶ *Nationally, parishes give away £46m, more than is raised by the BBC's Children in Need appeal. A policy for giving money away both models generosity and also supports Christian ministry and mission elsewhere. See the case study on p.9.*

6 Do you celebrate successes?

- Never
- Seldom
- Sometimes
- Often

▶ *It is good to celebrate the things that go well – and to let givers know what their giving has enabled. See pages 12 and 16.*

7 Do you have a policy for how the Church would use legacy gifts?

- No
- An informal one
- Yes
- Yes, and we have publicised it in the church

▶ *Making and communicating a simple policy removes the main barrier to people leaving gifts to the church in their will, that they don't know how the church will use the money they leave.*

8 Do your givers receive a personal 'thank you' regularly?

- Never
- Hardly ever
- Some years
- Every year

▶ *Saying 'thank you' values the donor and their gift, is good corporate stewardship and provides an opportunity to link giving with outcomes that have been achieved in the past year (see p.16).*

