



Christian Giving and 6 S's



Survival

"I give a bit when I'm asked because the church ought to be there in case I need it."

...The need is survival and there's a chance that the church might help. The relationship with the church is that I know it's there if I need it – all being well, I won't.



Supermarket

"I'm happy to pay towards the cost of the bits of the church that I want and enjoy."

...The need is safety and by treating the church on my terms I feel safe and unchallenged. I see myself as a customer.



Support

"The work of the church is important and so I'll support it."

...I have a need for belonging. I see myself as a member of the supporters' club.



Subscription

"I see myself as a member and I wish to contribute to my fair share of the costs."

...The need is identity – I'm recognised and I'm playing my part.



Submission

"My understanding of being a disciple is that I should put God first in my life."

...I see a deeper meaning in life and my giving responds to God and not just the needs of the church.



Sacrifice

My Christian calling is to be Christ-like and so naturally I give joyfully and sacrificially – following Christ.