

# Forward in Generosity

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**Nanaimo is the least religious region in Canada.**  
2021 Canadian Census

**Questions:** What is your reaction to this news? Do you relate to any of these reactions? Why?

- fear
- apathy
- humble determination

**3 propositions:**

**1. Jesus loves our city!**

**Read** 1 John 4:14; John 3:16; Luke 19:10; 2 Peter 3:9

**2. God's plan has always been the local church.**

**Read** Ephesians 5:25; Matthew 16:18

**Almost every time you find the word "church" in the Bible it's referring to a local congregation.**

**Read** Matthew 28:19

**3. If you love Jesus and your city, you will invest in his church.**

**Question:** What are ways that you can invest in Jesus's church?

**One of the most tangible ways to express your love for Jesus is with your money. Jesus talks so much about money because he knew it's a heart issue.**

**Read** Matthew 6:21, 24, 31-33

**God uses the discipline of giving to deepen your relationship with Jesus.**

**Read** 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Question:** How much should you give?

**Read** Luke 11:42

**The church is supported by the people in the church**

**Read** 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**Question:** How do you think it is possible to "give cheerfully"?

**God's blessing is not why we give,  
it's why we can give.**

**We don't give to be blessed.  
We're blessed so that we can give.**

**Question:** What may you be missing by hanging on to something that Jesus wants to use to bless others?

