

**AN EVALUATION OF THE PRACTICE OF GIVING IN CHURCH ON
MEMBERS' ECONOMIC STATUS IN SELECTED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCHES IN NAKURU TOWN, NAKURU COUNTY, KENYA**

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Abstract

The aim of the study was to assess the practice of giving in church on the members' economic status in selected urban Pentecostal churches in Nakuru town, Nakuru County. Giving is a religious principle that Christians must observe and that makes it so important in the study. In the Old Testament which is the base of Christianity, it was a practice that was mandatory and Christians performed it willingly. The same applies in the New Testament through the words and actions of Apostle Paul and others. This practice has been carried to the modern church only that sometimes some Christians are opposed to its modernization whereby giving is emphasized on monetary gifts. The research sought to bring out the Biblical and Theological importance it has. The objectives were to identify effective giving practices, to establish the Biblical giving practices of Christians, to evaluate the importance of theological giving, and to identify challenges that Christians face in giving in Pentecostal Churches in Nakuru Town. This study used a descriptive survey design in a descriptive correlation design because the researcher was looking for a relationship between the independent variable and dependent variable. A simple random sampling was done from the ten churches and a total number of 30 respondents were chosen. The data collected was coded and entered in the computer for analysis using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 20 for windows.