**Offering Exhortation – Sample + Outline**

Total of no more than 450 words. | Words in BLUE are the text that remains on each outline.

**OWNERSHIP - Everything Belongs to God**

**As we come to this time to worship the Lord through giving, let’s look to God’s Word.**

Here are some things the Bible says about God:

* In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)
* The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

Here are some things God says about Himself:

* … Everything under heaven belongs to me. Job 41:11 (NIV)
* ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. Haggai 2:8 (NIV)
* For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Psalm 50:10–12 (ESV)

And lastly, here is what King David said while giving an offering to God:

* But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NLT)

When we think about giving to God, the first thing we need to understand is that God created all things; so, everything already belongs to Him. From the air we breathe, to the water we drink, to the food we eat, to the sun that warms us, and to our very lives. These, and every other good thing we enjoy, come from God. So, when we give back to Him, we are only giving Him a very, very, very small part of what He has graciously given to us. So, we should give humbly, and with much gratitude.

[Share instructions for digital giving. For security purposes, never receive cash.]

**Let’s Pray…**

Father, we thank you for the provision that sustains us each day. We’re grateful to You and recognize that each breath we take comes from You. You are our supplier and our provider. You, alone, are the owner of everything.

We bring these tithes and offerings today with gratitude in our hearts for every good thing You provide. We ask that You bless these gifts, and also these givers, in Jesus’s mighty name!

Amen.