FINANCES, TITHING AND THE BIBLE

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the <u>firstfruits</u> of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Q:What is tithing? Tithing means "a tenth part" (Gen. 14; Heb. 7:2-4). We tithe when we give 10% of our income back to God.

BEFORE MOSES

Genesis 14:18-20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." <u>Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.</u>

MOSAIC LAW

- Lev 27:30 "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD"
- Num 18:21-32 "I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the tent of meeting.
- Deuteronomy I2:6 (NIV) "here bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks"

TESTING OUR TRUST IN GOD

- Malachi 3:10
- I0 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

NEW TESTATMENT TITHING?

Matthew 23:23

 ...You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness.You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.



NEW TESTATMENT GIVING GOES DEEPER

- Matthew 5:20
- For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

- Mark 12:42-44
- Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

NEW TESTATMENT GIVING IS ABOUT OUR HEART FOR GOD AND HIS MISSION

- Matthew 6:21
- "Where your treasure is, there your <u>heart</u> will be also."

- Mark 8:35
- For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

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- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Each of you should give what you have decided in your <u>heart</u> to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

NEW TESTAMENT GIVING BUILDS THE CHURCH

ACTS 2:42

THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER. ACTS 2:44-45 ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE TOGETHER AND HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. 45 THEY SOLD PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS TO GIVE TO ANYONE WHO HAD NEED.

47 And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

GENEROSITY IS FOR YOU



- 2 Corinthians 9:11
- You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Q:WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE?

Remember the poor widow (Mk 12:42-44)

2 Corinthians 9:11 ...enriched in every..

Seek Advice – Proverbs 15:22



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