

OVERFLOW—3

The Test

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am ****LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am ****LIVE In House Welcome –**

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

***Online Connect Card *** -> RightNow Media

10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am **LIVE SHOT** – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

NEXT-GEN: 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

**Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - coming soon April -
Host Family Needed**

True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - sending out an email

..... A few weeks ago I began doing a teaching on the principle of putting God 1st in our lives... Especially in our giving..

He's either GOD of ALL, or, He's not God at all.

Many come to Him for salvation... But few recognize His Kingship.

We started with....

Putting God 1st / Last week we discussed generosity...

- 1. @thepeakcc I'm Grateful for our generous givers.... faithful tithers... Ministry Partners.**
- 2. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.... **my role in finance***
- 3. Statistically speaking, I'm sure there are those who are just warming up to being generous... Will be surprised**

GENEROSITY is not about HOW MUCH YOU HAVE, It's about TRUSTING GOD WITH WHAT YOU DO HAVE

GENEROSITY is not an amount.... It's a MINDSET

THE KEY TO THE BLESSED LIFE IS A HEART OF GENEROSITY.

24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 11

THREE MINDSETS

1) THE BAG: NOT ENOUGH.

...You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.

Hag 1:6 NKJV

2) THE BASKET: MORE THAN ENOUGH.

4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock...5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

Deut 28:4-6

3) THE BARN: INFINITELY MORE THAN ENOUGH.

8 The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to...

Deut 8:8

A TEST IN THE TENTH

3 Billion people... ½ the people alive today live on below \$2.00 a day....

How Blessed are you?

Yet studies show as income increases, giving decreases... Shocking?

The gimmick of our adversary...The more you have the more you want...

GREED

In America the average income / person gives 3.1% To all charities

However, the person that earns less that \$10,000.00 a year gives 5.2%

Now, those that earn above \$200,000.00 a year..... gives .07%

*Our culture trains and teaches us to spend more than we make....
Borrow, borrow,*

This is what God wants to know.... And this is how he tests us...

- **WILL YOU LOVE AND TRUST MONEY OR WILL YOU LOVE AND TRUST GOD?**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:10-11

God knows that money and things will be the number 1 competitor of our hearts

MONEY PROMISES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE

- **SECURITY**
- **FREEDOM**
- **POWER**
- **SIGNIFICANCE**

Satan want us to love money, things, jewels, clothes, all idols.....

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matthew 6:24

Either God or Money..... NOT BOTH

10 Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. Ecclesiastes 5:10

THE TEST

- **I WILL GIVE GOD MY FIRST AND MY BEST SO HE CAN BLESS THE REST.**

>>>> Say it aloud>>>>

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.

Leviticus 27:30

The tithe is technically not giving..... It's returning back....

Many have said, "Tithing is old testament... It's under the law. We're no longer under the law..... We're under Grace"

The tithe pre-dates the law.... Tithing first appeared in the Bible when Abraham gave one-tenth of the spoils of war to Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem

Gen 14:18-20

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

To not return it back would be stealing....

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me." But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me.

Malachi 3:8

Some have said,” But Wait,... Tithing isn’t in the new testament.” But Jesus told the Pharisees...

Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! 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.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE TITHE

1) TITHING PROVIDES FOR GOD’S WORK THROUGH HIS CHURCH.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Malachi 3:10a

The storehouse is the old testament depiction of the New testament church... The Peak.....*What we do..*

As the church impacts the lives of people the blessings pour out... If we practiced this principle... we wouldn't need government to meet the needs of people.... The church could meet those needs and do it in the Name of Jesus Christ... Giving God the Glory and not man!

2) TITHING TEACHES ME TO PUT GOD FIRST.

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB

How else can you show that you put God First??.... Re-arrange, re-prioritize, Scale back, make sacrifices,

3) TITHING INCREASES MY FAITH IN GOD.

I'm not sure how many amen's I can get..... But I've learned... that 90% with God's blessing will go WAYYYY further than 100% without...

It builds your faith... as He increases you... You have opportunity to increase His Kingdom.... He will test you along this journey.... But it starts here...

He NOT only tests us..... But He gives us an opportunity to test HIM!!!!

'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 you will not have room enough for it.' Malachi 3:10b

The number ten is a test in of itself... Numerology.... 7 # of perfection.... 6 (1) less than 7 the number of the adversary...

**When God tests our obedience.... How many commandments?? 10
When God tested Pharaoh's heart.... How many plagues did He send
Egypt?? (10), How many virgins were tested waiting for the
Bridegroom?? (10) How many lepers were healed and tested to come
back?? (10) How many came back to the Lord to give thanks?? (1)
Exactly 10%!!**

“Sam’s Testimony”

WE GIVE TO GOD FIRST

- **IT REQUIRES FAITH TO GIVE FIRST. IF YOU GIVE LAST, IT DOESN'T REQUIRE FAITH.**

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing... Proverbs 3:9-10

God gave us His First.... His Best....

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

- How much would you say you love and trust God? Are you willing to put your money where your mouth is?
- What steps will you take this week to pass the blessed test?

CALL TO ACTION

None of this will make any sense until you come to a place of asking HIM to enter into your heart. To wipe out the sin & cleanse your conscience

The Lord says draw near unto me... & I'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

RECEIVE THE RISEN LORD & KNOW FOR YOURSELF THAT HE LIVES!!!!

OK CHURCH...

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

See you next week....