



part 4, The Fruit

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REMINDER: This guide is intended to spark meaningful conversation, not exhaustive coverage. The goal is connection, not completion. So feel free to spend extended time on just one or two elements that resonate with the group. Aim for heartfelt connection & personal application. Finally, trust the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion in the areas most needed by your group and enjoy!

Icebreaker: Before this sermon series, what was your honest understanding and practice of tithes & offerings?

- 1) The sermon used the illustration of “alternate bearing” in fruit trees – how they exhaust themselves by holding onto everything, versus thriving through selective pruning. Where in your life do you sense God might be asking you to practice “selective pruning” financially? What would it look like to release something intentionally rather than hold onto everything?
- 2) Malachi 3:8-10 distinguishes between TITHES (the first 10%, representing obedience) and OFFERINGS (everything beyond, representing generosity). Both are worship. How does this understanding change your perspective on giving? Have you been treating your giving more as a ceiling (“I gave my 10%”) or as a floor (“What else can I give”)?
- 3) The sermon clarified that the NT doesn’t explicitly command believers to tithe to a local church, giving freedom to tithe where God leads. It also presented four functions of a biblical “storehouse”: care for believers, care for non-believers, support for ministry staff, and support for missionaries. How does this understanding affect where you choose to bring your whole tithe as per Malachi 3:8-10?
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 together. Paul writes about sowing sparingly versus generously, and emphasizes that God loves a cheerful giver. The passage also says God will “enlarge the harvest of your righteousness” and make you “generous on every occasion.” How does this passage challenge or confirm the three fruits mentioned (Spiritual Freedom, Kingdom Multiplication, Personal Contentment)?
- 5) The sermon mentioned Abraham’s tithe to Melchizedek in Genesis 14:18-20, showing that tithing predated the Mosaic Law by hundreds of years. Read this passage together. What does it reveal about Abraham’s heart and his understanding of God’s ownership? How might viewing the tithe as “pre-law” (rather than just “Old Testament law”) change how we approach it today?
- 6) Randy Alcorn, author of “The Treasure Principle,” wrote: “God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.” The couple in Pastor Tom’s testimony discovered how “God stretched the 90% further than our 100% ever went.” Have you ever experienced something similar, where obedience in giving led to unexpected provision or peace? If you haven’t started tithing, what specific fear or obstacle is holding you back?
- 7) Malachi 3:10 is the only place in Scripture where God says “Test me in this.” The sermon challenged: “Give it 90 days. Tithe faithfully and see what God does.” This is a practical, measurable challenge. Is anyone in the group willing to commit to this 90-day test? If so, what would it look like practically (calculating 10%, setting up automatic transfers, etc.)? If not, what’s preventing you from saying yes?

Join us for two upcoming events: Marriage Event (10/25) and Faith & Finance Seminar (11/1). More information below!

Marriage Event

Oct 25 (Sat) | 10am - 2pm

Speakers: George & Tondra Gregory

Lunch & Childcare
will be provided.

You will receive a book too!

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Today!



Faith & Finance Seminar

Nov 1 (Sat) | 10am - 2pm

Speaker: Pastor Dave Briggs

Register Today!

