

## THANKS for GIVING: SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS FOR STEWARDING TREASURE

### *Tithe: A Foundation Stone for Our Faith*

(Malachi 3:8-10; Proverbs 3:1-10)

*“My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. 3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.” (Psalms 3:1-10)*

### **Great Benefits of Obedience to Tithe**

#### **❖ A Divine Opening - God Becomes Our Provider**

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” (Malachi 3:10)*

#### **❖ A Divine Abundance - God Allows You to Participate**

*“That there may be food in My house ... and (God will) pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” (Vs 10)*

THOSE WHO GIVE NOTHING, GET NOTHING  
THOSE WHO GIVE SOMETHING, GET SOMETHING  
THOSE WHO GIVE MUCH, GET MUCH

❖ **A Divine Defense - God Becomes Your Protector**

*"I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts." (Malachi 3:11)*

❖ **A Divine Influence - God Becomes Your Promoter**

*"Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts."  
(vs. 12)*