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THE BEAUTY IN GIVING

Genesis 14:11-14 (NKJV)

Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. ¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they *were* allies with Abram. ¹⁴ Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained *servants* who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Genesis 14:15-17 (NKJV)

He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which *is* north of Damascus. ¹⁶ So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. ¹⁷ And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that *is*, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him.

Genesis 14:18-21 (NKJV)

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all. ²¹ Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.”

Genesis 14:12-24 (NKJV)

But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’—²⁴ except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”

**Tithing has the ability to
change your life on this side
and the other side of eternity**



Tithing is an invitation for us to step into a partnership with God and experience abundance on every level of our giving.



Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)

**For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.**



**The average church attender
gives 2.4% of their income to
the church.**

**.8% is given by that same
person to other charities.**



**Salem = suffix for root word
“Jeru – Salem”**

Salem = Righteousness & Peace



Just because you have stuff,
doesn't mean you're blessed.



**When you tithe, you keep
ownership in perspective.**



Pride might be the greatest enemy of being blessed because pride makes you sufficient in yourself.



Hebrews 7:6-8^(NKJV)

...but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. ⁸ Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.



**Tithing is testimony that
you believe Jesus is ALIVE!**



The spirit of this world will
always demand something
from you.

Jesus never demands anything.



**When you tithe, you keep
yourself from becoming a
slave to an inferior source.**



God's favor is a byproduct
of your obedience.

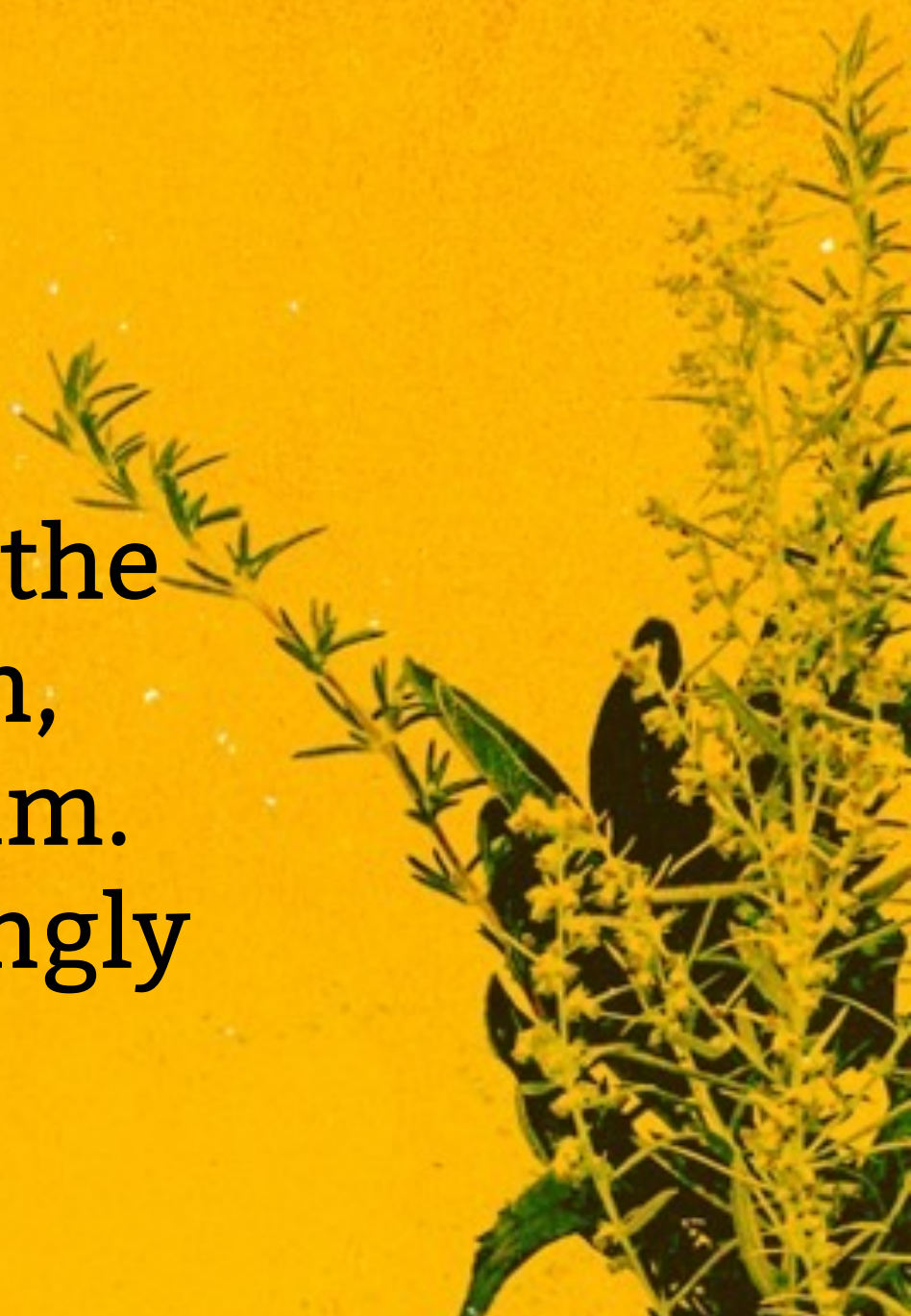


**Tithing gives you access to
everything God has.**



Genesis 15:1_(NKJV)

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. *I am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”



**Tithing never bought God,
tithing opens up a place in
God.**



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