



How do we guard against falling prey to covetous tendency?

2 Timothy 3:1-5; Deuteronomy 8:11-18; Matthew 6:21

1. The TITHE is ten percent of all the wealth God gives us.

GENESIS 14:18-20 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.”*

HEBREWS 7:1-3 NKJV *For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.*

HEBREWS 4:15 NKJV *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

HEBREWS 7:6 NKJV *...but he whose genealogy is not derived from them (from the Levites, from those under the law) received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.*

GENESIS 15:21-22 NKJV *“The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’”*

2. If I don't tithe, I'm not CURSED, but I'm not fully BLESSED.

JAMES 2:17 NKJV *“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”*

JAMES 1:6-8 NKJV *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

MALACHI 3:10 NKJV *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open*

for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

3. The Abrahamic Covenant was good, but the NEW COVENANT is the best of all.

HEBREWS 8:6 NKJV *“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.”*

MATTHEW 5:21-22 NKJV *You have heard that it was said to those ^[d]of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother ^[e]without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment*

MATTHEW 5:27-28 NKJV *You have heard that it was said ^[i]to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 NIV *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*