

*Principles
Of
Biblical Stewardship*

Can God Trust Me With More

Week One We Asked The Question:

ARE YOU MAXIMIZING

The Time, The Talent and The Treasure

That God has ENTRUSTED With You

4 Key Principles

Awareness of Ownership

Awareness of Capacity

Awareness of Accountability

Awareness of Rewards

*In Week Two...We Examined
Are You **MAXIMIZING**
The Time That God has **ENTRUSTED** With You*

How?

*It Begins With Understanding **Purpose***

*My **Perspective** Must Change*

*I Must **Prioritize** My Time*

*I Must **Plan** My Time*

*I Will Be **Productive** With My Time*

Last Week....

God is Not Opposed to Wealth and Being Prosperous
We have to decide... WHICH MASTER we are going to serve
Your Treasure IS CONNECTED To Your Heart
A GRATEFUL HEART Will Always BE CONTENT
Seeking Riches Can Lead Us Astray

Your *TREASURE* Is A Good Indicator of Your *MASTER*

Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

21 Wherever your *treasure* is, there the *desires of your heart* will also be.

✓ *Treasure* Is Connected To Your *HEART*

✓ *Riches* Can *Lead Us Astray*

Everything We Have *Belongs To God*

Attitude is More Important Than *Amount*

Sowing And *Reaping* Is A *Permanent Principle*

Understand The *Benefits* of Good Stewardship

Return Is *Greater Than Your Investment*

Expect God To *Fulfill His Promises*

Principle #3

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Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

1 *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...*

Haggai 2:8 (NIV)

8 *'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty.*

We have established **THE MINDSET** that we are obligated to give the LORD...**HIS TEN PERCENT**...
We have established **THE MINDSET** that as long as I give **HIM HIS**... I can do whatever with **MINE**...

God says to us... **IT IS ALL MINE**... I am **ENTRUSTING YOU** to **MANAGE ALL OF IT**...

Tithing Is Not About Giving God/Church **MONEY**

There is a **NEGATIVE MINDSET** when it comes to **GIVING** and **MONEY**

Example ~ Give God Praise... Give God The Glory... Give God What You Owe Him

Tithing Involves **THANKSGIVING**

Tithing Involves **TESTING**

Tithing Involves **TRUSTING**

Principle #3

Tithing Involves Thanksgiving

Law of First Mention

Genesis 14:17-20 (NLT)

17 After Abram returned *from his victory* over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek, *the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High*, brought Abram some bread and wine. 19 *Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you."* Then *Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth {tithe} of all the goods he had recovered.*

Abraham understood that God had **GIVEN HIM VICTORY** and **RESTORED HIS RESOURCES...** Therefore, he saw **AN OPPORTUNITY** to **GIVE a TITHE** or **TENTH** of What God Had Provided {Thanksgiving}

Deuteronomy 26:1-3 (NLT)

1 "When you enter the land the LORD your **GOD IS GIVING YOU** as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, 2 *put some of the first produce from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored.* 3 Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, 'With this gift I acknowledge to the LORD your God that I have entered the land he swore to our ancestors he would **GIVE US.**'

David ~ A Man After God's Own Heart

Psalm 116:12 ~ What shall I render to the LORD **For all His benefits toward me?**

1 Chronicles 21:24 ~ But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering **THAT COSTS ME NOTHING.**"

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Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

10 Bring **THE WHOLE TITHE** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **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.

Principle ~ **OPPORTUNITY** ~ **OBEDIENCE** ~ **OVERFLOW**

This is the only verse in the Bible when God says, "**TEST ME.**" Every other place in the Bible says **do not test God, do not put the Lord your God to the test.** This is the **only exception.** God not only tells us that it is okay to test Him, but He **ENCOURAGES US** to do so.

1 Kings 17:12-14 (NIV)

12 "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread--only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, **that we may eat it--and die.**" 13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. **But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.** 14 **For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:** 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'"

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2 Kings 4:1-7 (NLT)

- 1 One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, “My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the LORD. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves.” 2 “What can I do to help you?” Elisha asked. **“Tell me, what do you have in the house?”** “Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil,” she replied.
- 3 And Elisha said, **“Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors.**
- 4 **Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled.”**
- 5 **SO SHE DID AS SHE WAS TOLD.** Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another.
- 6 Soon every container was full to the brim! “Bring me another jar,” she said to one of her sons. “There aren’t any more!” he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.
- 7 When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, **“Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over.”**

OPPORTUNITY ~ OBEDIENCE ~ OVERFLOW

John 6:5-9 (NLT)

- 5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” 6 **He was testing Philip,** for **he already knew what he was going to do.**
- 7 Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, **we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!**”
- 8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up.
- 9 “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. **But what good is that with this huge crowd?”**

Principle #3

Tithing Involves Trusting

Two way Street....

Can God **TRUST YOU** With Increase if **YOU ARE NOT FAITHFUL OVER THE 10%**

The 10% becomes a **TEST** for More ~ The 10% becomes **TRAINING** for More

- **DISCIPLINED** with the 10%
- **FAITHFUL** with the 10%
- **CONSISTENT** with the 10%
- **TRUSTWORTHY** with the 10%
- **ACCOUNTABLE** with the 10%

Have you ever asked yourself.... Why does Uncle Sam take his money out of my check before I get it?
Trust!!!!

Do You **Trust God** to Supply Your Need?

Or do you have to take **the 10%** to meet your needs?

Do You **Trust Leaders** To Manage The Resources?

2 Corinthians 8:18-21 (NLT)

*18 We are also sending another brother with Titus. All the churches praise him as a preacher of the Good News.
19 He was **appointed by the churches to accompany us as we take the offering to Jerusalem—a service that glorifies the Lord** and shows our eagerness to help. 20 We are **traveling together to guard against any criticism** for the way we are handling this generous gift. 21 We are careful to be honorable before the Lord, but **we also want everyone else to see that we are honorable.***

God Does Not **NEED OUR MONEY!!!**

Biblical Example

John 21:4-10 (NIV)

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "**FRIENDS, HAVEN'T YOU ANY FISH?**" "No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "**Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.**" When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, **towing the net full of fish**, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, **THEY SAW A FIRE OF BURNING COALS THERE WITH FISH ON IT**, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "**BRING SOME OF THE FISH YOU HAVE JUST CAUGHT.**"

Principle

God does not **NEED WHAT YOU HAVE...** Therefore **HE TESTS US**, to see if **HE CAN TRUST US...**

Don't View Giving As An Obligation, but An Opportunity

Principle #4

Attitude Is More Important Than The Amount

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

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.

In the New Testament ~ Jesus only mentioned Tithes ONCE!!!!

Matthew 23:23 (NKJV)

23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For **YOU PAY TITHE** of mint and anise and cummin,
and have **neglected the weightier matters of the law: JUSTICE AND MERCY AND FAITH.**
These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Just Because He Didn't Mention... Doesn't Mean He Does Not Monitor It

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and **watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.** Many rich people threw in **LARGE AMOUNTS.** 42 But a poor widow came and put in **TWO VERY SMALL COPPER COINS,** worth only a fraction of a penny. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow **has put more into the treasury than all the others.** 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on."

In Conclusion....

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