

CLOSER

INTO THE BIBLE

“For we must always cherish the words of our Lord Jesus, who taught, ‘Giving brings a far greater blessing than receiving.’”

Acts 20:35b TPT

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.”

Leviticus 27:30 NIV

“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 there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10 NIV

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens,[a] but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.”

Matthew 23:23 NLT

“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Luke 6:38 NLT

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

4 Motivations To Tithe:

1. **I Want To Be Obedient** (Matthew 23:23)
2. **I Want To Bless Jesus' Church** (Malachi 3:10)
3. **I Want To Be Blessed** (Luke 6:38)
4. **I Want To Increase My Faith**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Do you find the discipline of tithing easy or hard? Explain why?*
2. *Pastor Matt made a statement, "When Jesus came he wanted to move us from external obligation to internal motivation". How does that statement effect your views on giving?*
3. *Out of the 4 motivations for tithing, which one resonates with you the most?*
4. *If your treasure is the #1 indicator of your heart, what does that tell you? Is there anything that you would change?*
5. *Luke 6:38 teaches us that God will bless us when we give. Share an example of how God has generously blessed you when you were obedient through generosity.*

PRAYER FOCUS

This week, ask God to give you a renewed attitude of gratitude for all He has done and provided for you. The Bible teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Pray and ask God to show you areas in your life where you can increase your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRIVE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE - February 21-22, 2020 7PM

God's design for our marriages is not merely survive, He wants our marriages to THRIVE! Join us for a powerful, 2-day conference with Clayton & Shari King (NewSpring Church) as your marriage reaches new heights! Make an investment into your marriage and sign up on the app today! Cost is \$25 per person.

THE WEEKENDER!!! - Feb 28-29 @ the Mocksville Campus

Have you ever wondered why you were created? The Weekender is the place for you. Are you looking for ways to connect with the church? The Weekender is the place for you! This is a FREE event with LIMITED space so sign up today!