



NEXT SESSION 4

THE HABIT OF TITHING

"On the first day of each week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

HOW MY GIVING REVEALS MY SPIRITUAL MATURITY

"Just as you excel in everything else... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness... see that you also excel in the grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE Seven Benefits to My Life

1. GIVING MAKES ME _____

God so loved the world that He gave his only Son ..." John 3:16 (NKJV)

2. GIVING DRAWS ME _____

"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also." Mathew 6:21 (NKJV)

3. GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO _____

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!" 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

4. GIVING STRENGTHENS _____

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing." Proverbs 3:5,9(LB)

"Give and it will be given to you ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

5. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT _____

" ... Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven - it is the only safe investment for eternity." 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

6. GIVING BLESSES ME _____

"A generous man himself will be blessed." Proverbs 22:9 (NASB)

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

7. GIVING _____

(Jesus) "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35 (NIV)

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT TITHING

WHAT IS TITHING?

"Tithe" means "a _____ part"

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "TITHE" AND AN "OFFERING"?

- A "tithe" is giving first tenth of my income.
- An "offering" is anything I give IN ADDITION my tithe.

WHY SHOULD I TITHE? 7 REASONS FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Because God _____.

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." Leviticus 27:30 (NIRV)

2. Because Jesus _____.

"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either." Matthew 23:23 (LB)

3. Tithing demonstrates that God is _____.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life."
Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

4. Tithing reminds me that _____ was given to me by God!

"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deuteronomy 8:18 (LB)

5. Tithing expresses my _____

"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Ps. 116:12 (NIV)

"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 16:17 (NIV)

(Jesus) "If you really love me, do what I command." John 14:15 (LB)

6. God says that refusing to tithe is _____ from Him!

"God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do

we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings ... Bring your whole tithe to My house.'" Malachi 3:8-10 (LB)

7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove _____ and wants to bless you!

"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it! I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will be protected from plagues." Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

WHAT SHOULD I TITHE?

The _____ part of what I earn, not the _____
"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income." Proverbs 3:9-10 (NASB)

WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY TITHE?

WHERE I _____
"Bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse (Temple) ..." Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

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How To Remember

- Make it your first payment: My Tithe
- Give weekly
- Teach your children to tithe

GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

• GIVE _____.

"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure..."
2 Corinthians 9:7a (NIV)

• GIVE _____.

"... for God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

• GIVE _____.

"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this

service..." 2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (NIV)

•GIVE _____.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

THE KEY TO GIVING

" ...THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD ... " 2 Corinthians 8:5 (NKJV)

A COMMITMENT PRAYER

"Father, I know you love me and want what's best for me. I recognize that all I have, or will ever have, comes from you. I am more interested in pleasing you than in having more possessions. I want you to have first place in my life and I am willing to begin tithing as you have commanded. Out of gratitude for all you've done for me, and in expectation that you will continue to provide for me, I commit myself to returning at least the first 10% of all I earn back to you. I want to begin investing for eternity. Help me to remain faithful to this commitment. In Jesus' name, Amen."