

First Things First

Don't Take God's Test



Message Summary

Money turns our hearts inside out and reveals what we value most. When we prioritize the tithe, we're prioritizing God because tithing puts God first and shapes our hearts around God's priorities.

Key Scripture

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

[Matthew 6:21 NIV](#)

Additional Scriptures

- [Matthew 6:33 KJV](#)
- [Malachi 3:10 NIV](#)
- [Mark 12:30 NIV](#)
- [Matthew 6:24 AMP](#)
- [Exodus 13:2 NLT](#)
- [Exodus 13:13 ESV](#)
- [Genesis 4:4 NLT](#)
- [Genesis 4:3 NLT](#)
- [Proverbs 3:9 NIV](#)
- [Matthew 25:29 NLT](#)
- [Hebrews 7:8 NLT](#)

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's a memorable rule you had in your home growing up?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What were your initial thoughts on tithing, and how did this message impact your perspective? How would your view change if you saw tithing as an invitation from God?
- Read **Matthew 6:21**. Where are your treasures and your heart stored right now, and is it a stable place to keep them?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about someone in your life who completely trusts the Lord with their resources. What principles and patterns do you notice in their life?
- Are there any priorities in your life that you need to shift or adjust to be more centered on God? How could these changes impact your heart toward God and others?

Start Praying

Lord, You have blessed us beyond measure. You have given us more than we deserve, so we want to give back what's Yours. Open our eyes to see how we can bless others, and open our hearts to have the compassion to give generously. Help us to live more like You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- Find a way to tithe your talents this week in a way you usually don't. How can your unique God-given abilities be used to bless others?
- Start the Bible Plan *What Did Jesus Say About Money?* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/money
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.