

# Do Your Part Genesis 14:19-20 Pastor Mike McClure, Jr.

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There is no <u>dichotomy</u> between Christianity and prosperity! Sadly, the Judeo Christian church has been deluded by denominational dogma and erroneous eisegesis that has sadly resulted in a poverty mindset amongst believers.

Most Christians subconsciously think that poverty is the twin sister of Christianity! #PMJBeOnit

That to be poor is to be spiritual and to have wealth is to be carnal! In this teaching I will spend a month or so debunking and subverting this untruth! I will work hard to prove my **holy hypothesis** - you can be **SAVED AND PAID**!!

<u>Stewardship</u> is how you manage your time, talent, and treasure

You will not have spiritual success or the peace of God you desire without all three being in order!

**Genesis 1:1-3 NASB** - <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

The bible says, <u>**"in the beginning God!"**</u> When God is not at the beginning, you will have a Genesis 1:2 existence!

Genesis 1:2b NASB-<sup>2</sup>The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep,

A few years ago, I taught you guys something so important... Money Matters

"Money Matters on 3 Levels"

- 1. Money Matters to <u>God</u>
- 2. Money Matters to <u>My Church</u>
- 3. Money Matters to <u>Me</u>



Tithing is one of God's rules. Tithing is not a test to see how much money the church can raise, tithing is a test of <u>faith</u> to help us grow in our relationship with Christ. The reason I am talking about tithing is because it is a crucial element of your relationship with God. Tithing is between <u>you</u> and <u>God</u>; it's not about the church or me.

Now let me state from the out start I think it necessary to first point out that God doesn't need your money. God isn't a beggar and therefore I don't have to beg for Him. God says in Psalm 50, "The world is mine, and all that is in it."

I took "Strong's Exhaustive Concordance" and I counted how many times the word pray, in any format, is mentioned. Prayer is mentioned over <u>500</u> times.

I did the same thing with the word 'love'. It is mentioned nearly <u>400</u> times.

Now, let me ask you a question. Do you think God would have gone to the trouble of making sure all those references were in His word unless He actually meant for us to adhere to them? When God repeats Himself, it is only for one purpose: To let us know just how serious He is, about our doing whatever it is He is talking about.

Now, with that in mind, let me tell you how many times the word 'giving' is mentioned. It is mentioned nearly 2,000 times! Why do you suppose God mentioned it that many times? To make us focus on giving!

What is tithing? **Biblical Tithing is** <u>Ten</u> percent of <u>all</u>income.

Biblically tithing is bringing 10% of the increase of my wealth to the Lord. Anytime you receive more wealth as in paychecks, sales of cashed out items, refunds, etc... you are increasing your wealth and God is asking for 10% of what that figure is.

I could easily go to Malachi "**Will a man rob GOD?**" But I want to go a little deeper .....check this out!

#### You don't give a tenth, You return it!

The tithe is the <u>kingdom tax</u>. No different than FICA or state and local taxes. The tithe is for Kingdom business to get handled without assistance from the Kingdom of the world.

It was Martin Luther who said, "That a Christian must be converted three times. The first time for his mind. The second time for his heart. And the third time for his wallet, and of the three the most difficult conversion is of the wallet."



Let's Go Deeper! I believe there are

## 3 Types of Tithing:

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<u>Revelation</u> Tithing "Before the LAW"

**Revelation** - to uncover and unveil. It means to pull back a covering or a veil that is hiding something. It means to make known something; **to reveal something that a person could not find out for himself**. It is a revelation of truth that man could never discover for himself.

Practical Word Studies in The New Testament.

#### Genesis 14:16 (NLT)

Abram recovered all the goods that had been taken, and he brought back his nephew Lot with his possessions and all the women and other captives.

#### Revelation is....."I CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU"

#### Leviticus 27:30 (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> "<u>One tenth</u> of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy.

#### Numbers 18:25-27 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup> The LORD also told Moses, <sup>26</sup> "Give these instructions to the Levites: When you receive from the people of Israel the tithes I have assigned as your allotment, give <u>a tenth</u> of the tithes you receive—a tithe of the tithe—to the LORD as a sacred offering. <sup>27</sup> The LORD will consider this offering to be your harvest offering, as though it were the first grain from your own threshing floor or wine from your own winepress.

#### Deuteronomy 14:22 (NLT)

<sup>22</sup> "You must set aside a <u>tithe</u> of your crops—<u>one-tenth of all</u> the crops you harvest each year.

So what do we see Rock Church? In Genesis we see **Revelation Tithing**, but from Leviticus to Deuteronomy we see...

Legislation Tithing

"It Becomes a Law"

Ok, let's not play with it. Do it Because I Said SO!



So we see **Revelation Tithing**, Legislation Tithing, and finally we see...

#### Inspiration & Relationship Tithing

#### 2 Corinthians 8:8-9 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup>I am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

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<sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. <sup>9</sup>You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

#### YOU SHOULD BE INSPIRED TO GIVE!

What are some practical reasons I should tithe?

Tithing is evidence of a growing faith.

Tithing reminds me of God's ownership.

Tithing proves God can <u>trust</u> me with <u>more</u>.

Point 1: Tithing is an act of WORSHIP

As I stated, Abram wasn't motivated by commandment, law or decree. He was motivated by **THANKFULNESS** and gratitude for what God was doing in His life.

#### Point 2: Tithing is an act of HOLINESS

And just as tithing is an act of WORSHIP, it also is a HOLY act. Leviticus 27:30 is the first scripture where we actually see the "tithe" terminology.

#### Leviticus 27:30 (NASB)

<sup>30</sup> 'Thus all the **tithe** of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is **holy** to the LORD.

Point 3: Tithing is an act of OBEDIENCE



In the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus states, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me."

Statistics show that <u>30%</u> of the church are taking care and baring the load of the other <u>70%!</u> "WOW so in other words only 3 out of 10 people are even giving (<u>**RIGHT**</u>)!

# This just shows that as Christians, we're generally willing to give God <u>credit</u> but few are willing to give Him <u>cash</u>!

Like it or not, your checkbook is indicative of your priorities.

If you would let me review your checkbook for 10 minutes, I could get a pretty good idea where your priorities lie. Jesus stated in Luke 12:15,

#### Luke 12:15 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

In other words, we're trying to get stuff and leaving GOD hanging, when **GOD is saying they don't even realize when they take care of me I'm gonna take care of** them!!!!!!!! When will they realize Luke 6:38 is for real!!!! What is Luke 6:38 PMJ...?

#### New American Standard Bible (NASB)

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

#### New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>38</sup> 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.**"

### Point #4: Tithing is an act of LOVE

**Luke 6:18-23 (NASB)** A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup>"Why do you call me good" Jesus answered. "No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup>"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said. <sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>23</sup>When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.