



Do You Want It? // Philippians 4:19

Philippians 4:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (MSG)

¹⁹ You can be sure that **God will take care of everything you need**, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus.

What if everything you're waiting on is really waiting on you? What if I told you that God wants, and is willing, to bless you?! Don't miss a weekend during this new series!

Floodgates is designed to help you learn how to gain access to all that God has for you! When we put what we have into God's hands – He will bless it and use it in ways we never anticipated... And we will always have more than enough! This year, we've already got the DRIP by taking 7 DIPS, but it's time to LEVEL UP and experience God opening The Floodgates of Heaven pouring out....

There are **2 parts of the Gospel** and both are vital.

The **Person** of Jesus & The **Principles** that he Taught

The PERSON of Jesus

- Salvation is having a personal relationship with Jesus

Matthew 13:55-56 (NIV)

⁵⁵ "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

Matthew 16:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

- The Person you SEE is The Person you GET.
- *If just see a Carpenter he'll fix your House, if you see a King he'll fix your WORLD*

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The PRINCIPLES that He taught

- A life of wisdom is a life that is principle centered. When principles are clear, decisions are easier.
- Principles are the Keys of His Kingdom
- Empower us for Earth (**you can be ready for Heaven but can't pay your bills**)

Jesus taught his disciples to follow his Principles, not just his Person.

Sadly, it is easy to accept the Person of Jesus and reject the Principles of Jesus.

- Loving Jesus' Person is easy, loving his Principles – well, now that is tough.

It is important to know that there is a difference between...

the **LOVE** of God vs. the **BLESSING** of God

- **I don't have to do anything to be LOVED by God.**
- **But I must do something to be BLESSED by God**

To Succinctly Summarize the Aforementioned Statement....

He Loves me INSPITE of and Blesses me BECAUSE of

Let's create a culture of **GENEROSITY**.

Here's why, we can't be enthusiastic for freedom, but apathetic in worship of God. Giving is a form Worship!

Generosity Defined:

A heart that's *WILLING* to give that leads to a life that *FREELY* gives.

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There are four types of giving in the Bible:

1. Tithe – Motivation is Obedience.

- **DO NOT ROB GOD.** The Tithe (tenth) is Holy. **(Set aside, 1st)**

2. First Fruits – Motivation is Generosity.

3. Alms Giving – Motivation is Compassion.

4. Seed Giving – Motivation is Reward and

Let's break them down....

What is Tithing?

- Biblical Tithing is the **First Ten Percent** of **all** income

Biblically tithing is bringing the first 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 deepercheck this out!

Galatians 3:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"— ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Jesus became a curse so that you'll never be cursed again.

We believe in grace giving.

We give because we love God, not because we're scared of Him.

Tithe because you **love God**, **not** because **you fear** He'll do something bad to you.

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So, you're not cursed, **but you are also not as blessed as you should be** because you're robbing God.

- You may have a job and living well, but you have no idea how many promotions **passed you by**. You have no clue as to where you would have been if you only honored God consistently.
- **You limit what God has for you**. If you aren't tithing consistently, you're getting the **bare minimum** of what God has and wants for you.

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

- **The tithe is the kingdom tax**
 - No different than FICA or state and local taxes.
- The tithe is for Kingdom business to get handled without assistance from the world.

Why Do We Tithe?

- Tithing is evidence of a **growing faith**.

Tithing and faith are intricately connected. When we tithe, we are stating that we are **practicing faith**, that God will do what he says!

- Tithing is in no uncertain terms saying "I TRUST GOD!"

Tithing is FAITH IN ACTION...

Tithing reminds me of God's **ownership**.

When we tithe we shift from just having **God's Support** to **God's Support System**.

- **Support:** My house is on fire, you help me get out.
- **Support System:** My Smoke Detectors alerts me and the Fire Department in advance. Insurance covers damages and restores what I loss. **(Video)**

Tithing proves God can **trust** me with **more**.



What are the Benefits of Tithing?

5 Promises to the Tither

1. I WILL open the Floodgates of Heaven (**Malachi 3:10**)

Malachi 3:10 (NLT) ¹⁰Bring 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**

Floodgates - a gate that can be opened or closed to admit or exclude water, especially the lower gate of a lock.

a last restraint holding back an outpouring of **something powerful or substantial.**

(the reason the attack on your life has be so intense is because the devil knows like I know...You're Close! This is the LAST RESTRAINT)GET READY TO

2. I WILL pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in (**Malachi 3:10**)

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

I WILL POUR OUT A BLESSING so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it!
Put me to the test!

"A BLESSING" – Out of 1 Blessing!

- Favor with 1 Person
- Give you 1 Talent
- Give you 1 Idea
- All you need is 1 Blessing from God...

3. I WILL rebuke the devourer (**Malachi 3:11**)

Malachi 3:11 (NIV)

¹¹ **I WILL PREVENT PESTS** from devouring your crops,

The PESTS represent all of your enemies!

- That's trying to HINDER YOUR HARVEST
 - God is saying, you don't have to FUSS
 - FIGHT, Stress yourself out, or Cry yourself to sleep
 - GOD is saying I'LL handle them for you!

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I WILL PREVENT!

The PESTS can be a **HUMAN LIMITATION**.

- Bad Attitude
- Negative Attitude
- Laziness
- Bad Decisions
- Debt

Every time you take 2 steps forward, the PESTS pulls you 3 steps backwards! **(But to all the Faithful Tithers...)** – I WILL BLOCK IT!

4. I WILL prevent the vines from dropping their fruit before it is ripe **(Malachi 3:11)**

Malachi 3:11 (NIV)

¹¹I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and **the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,**" says the Lord Almighty.

- *Working for Years but Have nothing to show for it*

Haggai 1:6 (NLT)

⁶You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. **Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!**

Covering is Mandatory but Foundation is Optional

5. I WILL spare you **(Malachi 3:17)**

Malachi 3:17 (NLT)

¹⁷"They will be my people," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. **I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child.**

In other words, I WILL SPOIL YOU!

- Not only will I give you things that you don't deserve
- But I'll also IGNORE OPPORTUNITIES when I should've PUNISHED YOU!

He'll give you a Promotion you're not qualified for yet, but He'll cover you until you learn what to do!