

CHURCH FINANCIAL ABUSE / MISMANAGEMENT

I'M NOT A NUMBER PERSON

FREEDOM / WORSHIP

Matthew 6:19-21 - Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:24 - No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

WORSHIP

FREEDOM

EVERYTHING WE DO IS FOR DISCIPLESHIP
WE ARE FOR YOUR HEALTH
GENEROSITY NOT ABOUT
BUILDING OUR BRAND
SUPPORTING OUR MISSION
PAYING OUR SALARY
GENEROSITY IS ABOUT YOUR RESPONSE TO JESUS

OLD TESTAMENT TITHES BASICALLY LAW, NO PUNISHMENT

William Barclay - Under the Mosaic law, there appear to be three tithes: a regular tithe given to support the priests and the work of the temple; a "festival tithe" for the celebration of the required feasts (cf. Deut. 12:17-19); and a "charity tithe," given every third year to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow (Deut. 14:28-29). If this is true, the Israelites were actually required to give 23.3 percent of their income, not 10 percent. Many Old Testament scholars don't see these as three separate tithes, but as three uses of one. Yet even if there were three tithes, as is likely the case, it's no surprise the amount would increase when wedded with the ceremonial law, especially with the required festivals - all of which have been fulfilled in Christ.

Malachi 3:6-12 - For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

① ROBBING GOD - STEWARDSHIP

② TRUST GOD - SET IF HE MEANS IT!

③ TRUST NEEDS MET / BLESSING FROM GOD

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GIVEN WITH THIS,
♥ ATTACHED!
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NEW TESTAMENT NO COMMAND GIVEN... BUT HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING TO GRACE / GRACIA OF GOD?

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 - The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

① Sow REAP - God is not ATM/slot, but don't ignore gravity - what are we missing out on?

② Motives matter, but delight follows discipline

③ God supplies true needs

Generosity matters as world grows darker

Widow's
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