

**Healthy Habits**  
**Pt. 5, Live Generously**  
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Healthy habits do not require intensity they require consistency

Luke 19:11-26 *"While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. 12 He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' 14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' 15 "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. 16 "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 17 "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' 18 "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' 19 "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' 20 "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' 22 "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' 24 "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 25 "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' 26 "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'"*

Biblical definition of Stewardship: Honoring God with everything he has placed in your hands.

Throughout scripture beginning in Genesis, God lays out a simple discipline that teaches us about financial stewardship.

\*The tithe- The first 10% returned to God

**1. Everything We Have Comes from God**

v13a *"He called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas."*

Ps. 24:1 *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."*

**2. God Expects Faithfulness with What He Entrusts to Us**

v13b: *"Put this money to work until I come back."*

"Good stewardship is honoring God by being faithful with all He has put in our hands."

A. Faithfulness matters more than an amount

B. The tithe is the starting point of stewardship

Proverbs 3:9 *"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops."*

The tithe is not a payment, it is the discipline of priority.

The tithe is a step of faith declaring: "God, I trust you, I believe Your Word, I'm confident in your nature to bless and provide for me."

With your tithe you are saying

-God comes first, before my bills, before my spending, before my lifestyle, God gets the first portion.

-Not because God needs it, but because our hearts need the discipline of trusting Him.

### **3. What Keeps People from Obeying God in Tithing**

A. Fear

v21 *"I was afraid."*

-fear whispers "what if I don't have enough?"

-but faithful generosity proclaims: "God is my provider"

B. Misunderstanding God's Character

v21 *"I was afraid, because you are a harsh man."*

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Luke 6:38 *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

C. Control

v20 *"Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth."*

Faith is demonstrated when you trust God, believe His word and move in obedience to it.

2 Cor 9:6 *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

**Closing:** God Never forces generosity. He invites you into a place of trust.

*2 Cor. 9:7-8 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*

90 Day Tithe Challenge Card

*Malachi 3:10 "Bring 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 and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*

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