

Sermon Meditation for January 15th  
Hebrews 5:5-10 & Genesis 14:17-20

When the time comes for an annual physical, your doctor will most likely apply pressure, or “palpate,” nine areas of your abdomen. This exam can provide helpful diagnostic information as he or she asks, “does this hurt? How about this?” If you cry out in pain, one of two things has happened; either the doctor has pushed too hard or there’s something wrong. If pain results, you will probably hear, “We’d better do some more tests - it’s not supposed to hurt there!”

So, when we hear a message on financial stewardship and someone cries out in discomfort, either the pastor pushed too hard, or there’s something wrong. If reading Jesus’ words about generous giving makes us uncomfortable, or Paul’s words about sacrificial giving make us squirm, we might need the great physician to show us the way to healing.

Abraham gave a tithe (10%) of all he had to Melchizedek, the High Priest. He did this as an act of worship and gratitude for the deliverance and victory God had provided in battle. (Gen. 14:17-20) He did this voluntarily, not in response to a law or tax code. He gave the best he had in response to all God had given to him.

Join us this Sunday as we learn more about our High Priest through the lens of His Old Testament counterpart, Melchizedek.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve