

Victory Temple

Stewardship of Faith and Finance

“Tithing and Giving”

(Lesson 2 of 4)



Session Objectives

- In this session, we will address:
 - God's stewardship plan
 - The definition and nature of tithing
 - Tithing vs. giving
 - Principles for giving
 - God's promises

Three Fundamentals of God's Stewardship Plan

- Centrality of Christ
- Divine ownership of all
- Stewards are accountable

Christ is our Reason for Being

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

(Col 3:1-4)

God Owns It All

*“The earth is the Lord’s, and the
fullness thereof; the world, and
they that dwell therein.”*

(Psalm 24:1)

We are Stewards of His Resources

“So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

(1 Cor 4:1-2)

What is a Tithe?

- Simply, a tithe is:
 - Ten percent
 - One-tenth

We do not fail to meet our responsibilities
because we paid \$1 out of \$10.

What is Involved in Tithing?

- Act of Worship:
 - *“What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?”* (Psalm 116:12)
- Act of Obedience:
 - *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse”* (Malachi 3:10)
- Act of Relationship
 - *After this (tithing) the Word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid Abram, I am your shield, your very great reward”* (Genesis 15:1)

“Tithing...giving...what is the difference?”

- Tithing requires us to pay ten percent of the income and other resources He has provided to us to steward.
- Giving involves a freewill offering from His supply that is given above the ten-percent tithe.

Principles of Giving

- 2 Corinthians 9:7- Give Cheerfully
- 2 Corinthians 8:7- Give Generously
- Luke 10:25-37- Give Neighborly
- Luke 8:1-3- Give Wisely
- Luke 6:38- Give Expectantly
- Exodus 25:2- Give Obediently

“How can I give when I have nothing to give?”

- By Faith
- Remembering:
 - God is the supplier (2 Cor. 9:10)
 - The widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16)
 - The widow's two mites (Luke 21:1-4)

God's Promise

- *“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.”* (Malachi 3:11)

Do not be deceived into...

- Distrusting God's goodness
- Disbelieving God's word
- Rejecting God's authority

Homework

- Study the following passages:
 - Proverbs 3:27-28
 - Proverbs 11:24-25
 - Luke 21:1-4
 - Romans 14:23
 - 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 - 1 John 3:17-18
- Prayerfully establish a 2008 Goal for your Tithes and Offerings
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you excel in the grace of giving

References

- “Bring the Full Tithe” by Rev. Dr. William D. Watley
- “Less than Tipping” by Rev. Dr. William D. Watley