

Essential Values Concerning

FINANCES

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¹⁷“That the man of God may be **complete, thoroughly equipped** for every good work.”



3 John 1:2-4 *(KJV)*

2“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou prosper and be in health, even as **thy soul prospereth.**”



3 John 1:2-4 *(KJV)*

³“For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the Truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the Truth.”



3 John 1:2-4 *(KJV)*

4“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.”



- **True prosperity** is wholeness in our entire spirit, soul and body.
- True prosperity is **wholeness** in every area of our lives.

Psalm 1:2-3 *(NLT)*

²“But they delight in the law of the Lord,
meditating on it day and night.”



Psalm 1:2-3 *(NLT)*

³“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, **bearing fruit each season.** Their leaves never wither, and **they prosper in all they do.**”



- God's perspective of prosperity is **wholeness** and **fruitfulness** in every area of our lives.
- Because His Life and His Presence is in us.

- In this series we are covering:
 - Some obvious things
 - Some misconceptions
 - Some profound Truths
 - Some practical wisdom

- The Treasures of Your Heart
- The Value of Giving
- The Value of Believing
- The Value of Stewardship
- The Value of Work

1. The Treasures of Your Heart

2. The Value of Giving

- Tithing
- Offerings
- Alms

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 *(NKJV)*

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- *Value of Multiple Investments*
- Share our blessings w/ others **generously** with **however many people we can.**

2 Corinthians 9:10 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“Now may He Who supplies **seed to the sower**, and bread for food, supply and **MULTIPLY the seed you have sown** and **INCREASE** the fruits of your righteousness.”



Ecclesiastes 11:3 *(NKJV)*

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Duh!

The Language of faith: **EXPECTATION!**

Proverbs 11:24 (NKJV)

24“There is one who scatters, yet increases more, and there is one who withholds more than is right. **But it leads to poverty.**”



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- Natural Illustrations:

- 1. **Water Evaporation Cycle**

- Water evaporates from ocean and **forms clouds**
 - Clouds **rain water** back to the earth
 - By rivers, **water flows back** to the ocean
 - If the clouds do not give rain they would not reform the seas – **the Cycle would be broken.**

- Natural Illustrations:

- 2. **Decomposition Cycle**

- A Tree falls and **decomposes over time**
 - **The tree returns** to the earth
 - To provide **nourishment** for new trees.
 - None of us are to **hoard** all God gives us and keep it for ourselves – **we are to share.**

- When we withhold more than we should and fail to give to others:
 - We hurt ourselves
 - We break the cycle
- Only in giving do we maintain the **cycle** and allow God to refill us.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 *(NKJV)*

4“He who **observes** the wind will not sow, and he who **regards** the clouds will not reap.”



- Those who wait for the perfect weather will never sow – thus they will never reap
- There are **risks** in sowing and reaping
 - If we wait until there are no risks we will never sow or reap.
 - We will never un-tether from the dock.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 *(NKJV)*

⁵“As **you do not know** what is the way of the wind, or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so **you do not know** the works of God Who makes everything.”



- Stop making excuses, just as...
 - Casting your bread on the water will return
 - Rain from clouds will evaporate
 - A fallen tree will decompose

WHATEVER YOU SOW
WILL RETURN TO YOU

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

7“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man **sows**, that he will also **reap**.”



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Philippians 4:17 *(NKJV)*

¹⁷“Not that I seek the gift, but I seek **the fruit that abounds to your account.**”



2 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

¹³“For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this **wrong!**”



- The only thing that Paul did not do in the Corinthian church that he did in other churches:
 - Was become a financial burden
 - By requesting financial support

PAUL SAID HE WAS WRONG!

- As pastors: Do we trust in the...
...Fear of man? **OR**
...Word of God?

- Many pastors deprive the people by not encouraging tithes and offerings
- Why?...they don't want to
 - Be/appear **selfish**
 - Promote **themselves**
 - Teach **Law**

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- Paul was **pleased** that the church in Philippi had sent him money...
 - Not because he was full (v. 18)
 - He was content before they gave gifts (v. 11)
 - He **knew** how it would produce...

**FRUIT THAT WOULD
ABOUND TO THEIR ACCOUNT**

- It is important to know:
 - Our giving will never leave our lives
 - It is **deposited** into our spiritual accounts

**GIVING IS FRUITFULNESS
INTO OUR ACCOUNT**

Mark 10:29-30 (NKJV)

²⁹“So Jesus answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, **there is no one who has left** house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, **for My sake and the Gospel’s,**”



Mark 10:29-30 (NKJV)

³⁰“**who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time**—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions and in the age to come, eternal life.”



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⁶“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”



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⁸“And God is able to make all **grace abound toward you**, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have **an abundance for every good work.**”



2 Corinthians 9:6-11 *(NKJV)*

⁹“As it is written: ‘He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; **His righteousness endures forever.**’”



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2 Corinthians 9:6-11 *(NKJV)*

¹¹“While you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.”



- **When we give:**
 - It **releases** grace that abounds
 - It **Increases** the fruits of our righteousness
 - We **have** an abundance for every good work.
 - He **gives seed to sowers**

- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
YOUR HEART!**

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 *(NKJV)*

²“And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have faith to move mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.**”



1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (NKJV)

³“And though I bestow all of my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned **but have not love, it profits me nothing.**”



Romans 5:8 *(NKJV)*

⁸“But God demonstrated His Own **love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”



Romans 13:8 *(NKJV)*

⁸“Owe no one anything except to **love one another**, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”



2 John 1:5-6 *(NLT)*

5 "I am writing to remind you, dear friends, that **we should love one another**. This is not a new commandment, but one **we have heard from the beginning.**"



2 John 1:5-6 *(NLT)*

⁶“Love means doing what God has commanded us, and **He has commanded us to love one another**, just as you heard from the beginning.”



Acts 4:34-35 *(NKJV)*

³⁴“Nor was there anyone among them **who lacked**; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,”



Acts 4:34-35 *(NKJV)*

³⁵“and laid them at the apostles’ feet, and they distributed to each as anyone had need.”



- The early Church demonstrated True Love (agape)
 - Everyone's needs were met
- Ananias and Sapphira pretended to give the total amount to the Church
 - For the purpose of receiving praise
 - Acts 5:1-11

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Matthew 6:1-4 *(NLT)*

1“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be **admired by others**, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.’ ”



Matthew 6:1-4 *(NLT)*

2““When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you, **they have received all the reward they will ever get.**”



Matthew 6:1-4 *(NLT)*

3““But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.’ ”



Matthew 6:1-4 *(NLT)*

4“Give gifts in private, and your Father, Who sees everything, **will reward you.**”



- If you want the glory of men
 - Then that is all you will ever receive.
- However, it is biblical to give in private
 - **Expecting** a reward from God.

- You can cancel out your harvest if your **heart** is not right.

OUR MOTIVES
DO MATTER

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- **HYPOCRISY:**

- **DICTIONARY:** “the practice of professing beliefs, feelings, or virtues that one does not hold or possess; falseness.”

- **GREEK:** Pretending on stage.

- **HYPOCRISY:**

- When we do something pretending to please God when in reality we are **play-acting**.

- **Not HYPOCRISY:**

- Doing what God wants us to do, **OR**
- Doing unto others what we want them to do to us *(Matthew 7:12)*
- **EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT FEEL LIKE IT**

- Not HYPOCRISY: (EXAMPLE)

- Jesus did not like going to the cross.

- Nonetheless Jesus did die seeking the welfare and benefit of the world!

THE MOTIVES OF THE HEART

ARE MORE IMPORTANT
THAN OUR ACTIONS

2 Corinthians 9:7 *(NKJV)*

7“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver.**”



- **Giving** (including tithing) should be:
 - An act of worship
 - Thanksgiving
 - Acknowledging God as our Source
 - Act of faith
 - Act of honor
 - Act of humility
 - A seed we sow by faith

Mark 12:41-44 *(NKJV)*

41“Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw **how** the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much.”



Mark 12:41-44 *(NKJV)*

42“Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans.”



Mark 12:41-44 *(NKJV)*

43“So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put **more** than all those who have given to the treasury.’”



Mark 12:41-44 *(NKJV)*

44““For they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, **her whole livelihood.**””



- mammon will not allow you to give like the poor widow.
- Jesus watched **how** people gave.
 - The **heart** matters
 - Not the amount

- God **sees** our giving
- We need to see giving **as God sees it.**

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- It is good to give from the **heart**...
 - Cheerfully
 - Bountifully
 - Generously
 - Not reluctantly
 - Not under pressure
 - Not out of debt

2 Corinthians 8:12 *(NKJV)*

¹²“For if there is first a **willing mind**, it is **accepted** according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.”



- This verse could be turned around and still retain its Truth:

*“If there is not a willing mind, **then the gift will not be accepted regardless of the amount.**”*

- The emphasis is on the **motive**, not the amount
- God is not into **debt** or **deficit** giving
- He only asks us to give **what we have**

- This is not an **excuse**...
...to never give **OR**
...to give only if we have extra
- Our **tithe** should be our **first fruits**.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹“Honor the Lord with **your** possessions,
and with the first fruits of all **your**
increase:”



Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)

¹⁰“So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”



GIVING INCREASES!

**WITHHOLDING
MORE THAN IS RIGHT
LEADS TO POVERTY**

- We give **from within our means**
- We **honor, serve** and **worship Him** from what we do have

- We should not be **foolish**, trying to **impress God**
- God is not looking at the **size** of the gift but the **heart** of the giver

- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
YOUR HEART!**

- Do not let anyone ever **condemn** you into giving
- There is a difference between **being taught the Truth** and **being pressured** to give.

- As the pastor of this church:
 - I don't want anyone to ever give out of a 'debt they owe!'
 - But as a **seed that they sow!**

2. The Value of Giving

- Tithing
- Offerings
- Alms

MALACHI

Message on Returning Back to God

- **Book of Malachi:**
 - **CH 1:** Return to Me in your **faith**
 - **CH 2:** Return to Me in your **families**
 - **CH 3:** Return to Me in your **finances**
 - **CH 4:** Is God returning back to us

- **CH1: Return to me in your faith:**
 - Trust in Me
 - Come back and serve Me
 - Worship Me
 - I will come back to you

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- **Many have been taught from Malachi:**
 - Judgment
 - “If you do not tithe, God will curse you.”
 - Legalism
 - Condemnation
 - Abuses
 - Negative misrepresentations about God

Galatians 3:13 *(KJV)*

¹³“Christ has 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’).”



2 Chronicles 5:21 *(KJV)*

21“For He made Him Who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



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**WE NEED
A FRESH REVELATION
OF THE
GOODNESS OF GOD!**

THESE PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE
MUST BE UNDERSTOOD
IN THE LIGHT OF
HIS TRUE NATURE!

THE GOD OF THE
OLD COVENANT
IS THE SAME GOD
OF THE
NEW COVENANT

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE
A PROPER REVELATION OF GOD
YOU WILL

**MISUNDERSTAND
THE MESSAGE**

Jesus said,

**“If you’ve seen Me
you’ve seen
the Father”**

Jesus is,

**THE EXPRESS
IMAGE OF GOD**

WE MUST KNOW

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- **Giving:**

- Principle of His Kingdom:

- God gave His firstborn/first-fruit: **Jesus!**
 - God tithed His Son to reap us!
 - We are born-again of the same **Seed!**

- The Nature of God

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that **He gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”



Romans 8:32 *(NKJV)*

³²“He Who did not spare His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely **give** us all things.”



Romans 5:5 *(NKJV)*

5“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who was **given** to us.”



Ephesians 2:8 *(NKJV)*

8“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God.”



- God **gave** us His...

- ...Life

- ...Nature

- ...Name

- ...Spirit

- ...Kingdom

- ...Armor

WE ARE BORN OF GOD!

- God is...
 - ...a Giver
 - ...not greedy
 - ...not selfish

NOT MAD AT YOU!

**BECAUSE YOU WITHHOLD
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- Yet many see God as being...
 - ...Mean
 - ...Angry
 - ...Judgmental
 - ...Wrathful
 - ...A Hard-task Master

**MANY TEACHERS HAVE
REVEALED A GOD LIKE THIS**

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**GOD IS AFTER
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GOD BELIEVES

HIS WORD

**YOUR HEART
WILL FOLLOW
YOUR
TREASURES**

- We must see the Presence of God in:
 - Giving our treasures to God
 - Engaging w/ God by faith

**WHERE YOUR HEART IS
YOUR TREASURES
WILL FOLLOW**

- However...our culture **struggles** w/ the discipline of tithing...why?
- There are a lot of **misunderstandings** and **abuses** in regards to tithing

- Tithing is not about me losing 10% of my increase.
- Tithing is about...
 - Sowing a tenth in **honorable worship** to God,
 - **Serving Him** w/ my treasures and
 - A **heart** that is following after God

- Tithing is not about **losing** 10%
- Tithing is about God **resting** on my 90%

- Tithing is not about a **losing** proposition
- Tithing is a winning **partnership**:
 - Where God and I are **engaging in our faith** in the riches of life

- There are many **misunderstandings** and **bad teaching** in regards to tithing that I could encounter
- I want to give you an overview and some nuggets that I believe are **life changing**.

- We have an entire generation that has not read the Scriptures for themselves
- Many really believe when someone speaks it is really just their **opinion**

**FAITH ONLY COMES FROM HEARING
THE WORD OF GOD**

Amos 8:11 *(KJV)*

11“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the Lord.**”



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9““You **are** cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.””



Malachi 3:6-11 *(KJV)*

¹⁰“Bring all the tithes into the **storehouse**, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts. ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.’”



Malachi 3:6-11 *(KJV)*

¹¹“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not **destroy the fruit of your ground**, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,’ says the Lord of hosts.”



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- **Why do you resist me so much?**
 - My rules and ordinances are not bondage
 - I am not being mean
 - I am not trying to make your life miserable
 - My ordinances leave you with nothing but **blessing** and **prosperity** in your lives.

- When you walk with Me **you are blessed!**
- When you walk w/ the devil (*the god of mammon*) **you are cursed.**

- **Righteousness leads to life**

- Proverbs 11:19
- Proverbs 10:16
- Proverbs 12:28

- **Sin leads to death**

- James 1:15
- Romans 14:23

Proverbs 11:19 *(NKJV)*

¹⁹“As righteousness **leads to life**, so he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.”



Proverbs 10:16 *(NKJV)*

¹⁶“The labor of the righteous **leads to life**, the wages of the wicked is sin.”



Proverbs 12:28 *(NKJV)*

28“In the way of righteousness is life,
and in its pathway there is no death.”



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2 Timothy 3:16-17

Romans 8:1-2 *(NASB)*

¹“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”



Romans 8:1-2 *(NASB)*

2“For the **law of the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the **law of sin and death.**”



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7““Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me and I will return to you,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘But you said, **“In what way shall we return.”**””



- How do we get back?
 - With our treasures
 - “Connect w/ Me in your giving”
 - Our heart will follow our treasures

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- Robbed of what?
 - Rebuking the devourer
 - God protecting our treasures
 - Supernatural provision

- Robbed of what?
 - Faith in His Grace through unbelief
 - Opening the windows of heaven and pouring out such a blessing
 - Experiencing the blessing of giving

- Giving is not about our performance...

**GIVING IS ABOUT
PUTTING OUR FAITH
IN HIS GRACE**

**GRACE IS NOT
AUTOMATIC!
WE MUST
TRUST HIM!**

Romans 1:16 *(KJV)*

¹⁶“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God unto salvation** for everyone who believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”



Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

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Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

³⁸“**Give**, and it **shall** be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over **will** be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it **will** be measured back to you.”



**FAITH IS A
POSITIVE EXPECTATION
THAT PLEASES GOD**

Hebrews 11:1, 6

**WHEN I GIVE
BY FAITH
I EXPECT GRACE
IN MY LIFE!**

**WHEN I GIVE
BY FAITH
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IN MY LIFE!**

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TO EVERYONE WHO
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OUR FAITH
IN HIS GRACE**

IF WE BELIEVE GOD

WHY DON'T WE

TRUST

WHAT HE SAYS?

IF WE BELIEVE GOD

WHY DON'T WE

HONOR

HIS WORD?

- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
YOUR HEART!**

- When we don't trust His Word we rob God of making us...

A WITNESS TO THE WORLD

THE KINGDOM OF GOD
OPERATES AS A

SEED

THAT MUST BE SOWN
BY FAITH

Malachi 3:9 *(KJV)*

9““You **are** cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.””



- It does NOT say:
 - “If you don’t tithe and give offerings **God will curse you.**”
 - That is a misrepresentation of God

- God is...
 - ...a Giver
 - ...not greedy
 - ...not selfish

NOT MAD AT YOU!

**BECAUSE YOU WITHHOLD
YOUR TITHE**

**WE NEED
A FRESH REVELATION
OF THE
GOODNESS OF GOD!**

THESE PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE
MUST BE UNDERSTOOD
IN THE LIGHT OF
HIS TRUE NATURE!

THE GOD OF THE
OLD COVENANT
IS THE SAME GOD
OF THE
NEW COVENANT

God says,

“I change not!”

WE MUST KNOW

THE TRUE

NATURE OF GOD

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS OUR FOUNDATION!

All Scripture is given by God and is profitable
to indoctrinate, reprove, correct and train us
in this righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE
A PROPER REVELATION OF GOD
YOU WILL

**MISUNDERSTAND
THE MESSAGE**

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- We are cursed because...
 - Without faith in God **we are operating under the world's economy** that is cursed
 - mammon is resting on your finances
 - The world is still subjected to the curse of the Fall vs the curse of the Law

2 Chronicles 5:21 *(KJV)*

21“For He made Him Who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



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- (EXAMPLE) Under an Umbrella:
 - I am **protected / provided for**
 - I am **unaffected** by the rain
 - Although it is still raining
 - But **the moment I remove the umbrella**
 - God is not the one getting me wet
 - I **chose** to come out from the provision and protection of the umbrella

Galatians 6:8 (NKJV)

8“For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh **reap corruption**, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life..”



Jeremiah 17:5-8 *(NKJV)*

⁵“Thus says the Lord, ‘**Cursed** is the man **who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength**, whose heart departs from the Lord.’”



Jeremiah 17:5-8 *(NKJV)*

6““For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land not inhabited.””



Jeremiah 17:5-8 *(NKJV)*

7“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.”



Jeremiah 17:5-8 *(NKJV)*

8““For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, **nor will cease from yielding fruit.**””



Jeremiah 17:9 *(NKJV)*

9“**The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?**”



Jeremiah 17:10 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“I, the Lord search the heart, I **test** the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the **fruit** of his doings.”



- We live in a world of darkness that is laboring under the **curse of the Fall**
- The entire planet is **groaning and laboring w/ birth pangs** waiting for the sons of God to manifest

Romans 8:19-23 *(NKJV)*

19“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”



Romans 8:19-23 (NKJV)

²⁰“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him Who subjected it **in hope.**”



Romans 8:19-23 *(NKJV)*

²¹“Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**”



Romans 8:19-23 *(NKJV)*

²²“For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.**”



Romans 8:19-23 (NKJV)

²³“Not only that, but we also who have the **firstfruits** of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”



- All creation is groaning under the Fall that Adam subjected it to.

- Therefore, when I am not...

...**Trusting** God w/ my finances...

...**Acting** by faith w/ my finances...

...**Yielding** the first fruits of my finances...

I FORFEIT HIS GRACE

- When I come out from His umbrella of blessing, provision and protection...

**I AM OPERATING
UNDER THE CURSE**

GOD IS NOT
CURSING US

He did not say,

“I will curse you.”

He said,

“You are cursed”

COLOSSIANS 1:13 *(NKJV)*

¹³“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of His love.”



WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THE
**POWER OF
DARKNESS**

BUT NOT THE
**PRESENCE OF
DARKNESS**

**DARKNESS IS ALL
AROUND US**

**WE ARE
THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD**

WITHOUT CHRIST
THE WORLD IS LIVING

UNDER A

CURSE

THE EFFECTS OF SIN

**TITHING BY FAITH
CONNECTS US TO
GOD'S GRACE
IN THE MIDST OF A
FALLEN WORLD**

Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

¹“Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, ‘I have acquired a man from the Lord.’”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

²“Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a **keeper of sheep**, but Cain was a **tiller of the ground.**”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

³“And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the **fruit** of the ground to the Lord.”



Genesis 4:1-12 (NKJV)

4“Abel also brought of the **firstborn** of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering.”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

⁵“But He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

⁶“So the Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?’”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

7““If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not well sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, **but you should rule over it.**””



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

⁸“Now Cain talked with Abel his brother, and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

⁹“Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?’”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“And He said. ‘What have you done?
The voice of **your brother’s blood cries
out to Me FROM THE GROUND.**”



Genesis 4:1-12 *(NKJV)*

¹¹“So now you are cursed **FROM THE EARTH, WHICH HAS OPENED ITS MOUTH TO RECEIVE YOUR BROTHER’S BLOOD** from your hand.”



Genesis 4:1-12 (NKJV)

¹²“When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”



- **Cain:**

- He was a **farmer**

- His heart was filled w/ **greed** (*Jude*)

- Sin lied at the door it desired to have him

- Sin escalated to him **murdering** his brother

Romans 14:23 (NKJV)

²³“But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; **for whatever is not from faith is sin.**”



Genesis 4:2 *(NKJV)*

²“Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a **keeper of sheep**, but Cain was a **tiller of the ground**.”



Genesis 4:3 *(NKJV)*

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Genesis 4:4 *(NKJV)*

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Genesis 4:7 (NKJV)

7“If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not well sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, **but you should rule over it.**”



- Giving is not about our performance to please God...

**GIVING IS ABOUT
RESPONSE OF FAITH
IN HIS GRACE**

WITHOUT FAITH IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO PLEASES GOD

Hebrews 11:6

THE JUST
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GOD DID NOT

CURSE

CAIN

THE EARTH
CURSED
CAIN

THE EARTH
REFUSED
TO YIELD
ITS STRENGTH

- How does the ground curse someone?
 - This is huge!
 - A carnal Christian cannot process this!
 - “Your crops will fail”
 - “Your vines will cast their fruit before their season”

Genesis 4:13 *(NKJV)*

¹³“And Cain said to the Lord, ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear!’”



Genesis 4:14 *(NKJV)*

14“Surely You have driven me out this day from **the face of the ground**; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.”



- Cain, a farmer understood:
 - “I am unemployed!”
 - “I will not be able to prosper”
 - “I will be a vagabond”

THE EARTH
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THE EARTH
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Jeremiah 17:5 *(NKJV)*

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ITS STRENGTH

But God...

SHOWED HIM

MERCY!

THE GOD OF THE
OLD COVENANT
IS THE SAME GOD
OF THE
NEW COVENANT

God says,

“I change not!”

Genesis 4:15 *(NKJV)*

¹⁵“And the Lord said to him, ‘Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him **sevenfold**.’ And the Lord set a **mark** on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.”



Genesis 4:16 *(NKJV)*

¹⁶“Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.”



THE EARTH
CURSED
CAIN

THE EARTH
REFUSED
TO YIELD
ITS STRENGTH

2 Chronicles 7:14 *(NKJV)*

14“If my people who are called by name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and **will heal their land.**”



- Many do not understand these spiritual principles.
 - Sin effects the Land (ground)
 - Sin effects the weather *(not your SUV)*

**THE EARTH WAS
CREATED IN
RIGHTEOUSNES
& HOLINESS**

**THE EARTH IS
DESTINED TO
WORK IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Psalm 90:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷“And let the **beauty** of the Lord our God be upon us, and **establish** the work of our hands for us; **yes, establish** the work of our hands.”



**UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL EFFECT THE YIELDING
GOD HAS ORDAINED
IN THE EARTH**

TITHING RECONNECTS US
TO TRUSTING
THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S
SUPERNATURAL ECONOMY OF
INCREASE

- Tithing is not about our performance...

**TITHING IS ABOUT
PUTTING OUR FAITH
IN HIS GRACE**

**TITHING IS
HONORING THE LORD
WITH THE FIRST FRUITS
OF OUR
INCREASE!**

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD
IS A KINGDOM OF
INCREASE!**

- When we are not under the umbrella of His grace...
- ...there is a 'dog-fight' to make a living in this **world's economy**.

- The world without Christ **is operating under the curse of the Fall**
- The curse of darkness is present around us everyday.

- We need God's hand **resting** on our finances
- When we do not tithe and give offerings we rob His grace from **resting** on our finances

Malachi 3:10 *(KJV)*

¹⁰“Bring all the tithes into the **storehouse**, **that there may be food in My house**, and try Me now in this,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.’”



- The **Storehouse** is **the local church**:
 - Where we are fed
 - There should be spiritual food in this house due to our giving

- The **Question** was:
 - “How shall we return to the Lord?”
- The **Answer** is:
 - “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse...”
 - “...that there may be food in My house.”

Malachi 3:6-11 *(KJV)*

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Haggai 1:2-6 (NKJV)

2“Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying:
‘This people says, “The time has not
come, the time that the Lord’s house
should be built.”””



Haggai 1:2-6 (NKJV)

³“Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,”



Haggai 1:2-6 *(NKJV)*

4“Is it time for yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?”



Haggai 1:2-6 (NKJV)

⁵“Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts; ‘Consider your ways!’”



Haggai 1:2-6 (NKJV)

6““You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm, and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into **a bag with holes.**””



Haggai 2:18-19 *(NKJV)*

18“Consider now **from this day forward** from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, **from the day the foundation of the Lord’s temple was laid**—consider it.”



Haggai 2:18-19 *(NKJV)*

19““Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. **But from this day I will bless you.**””



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**TITHING IS A TEST
OF OUR FAITH**

IS GOD

OUR SOURCE?

TEST ME?
PROVE ME?
ON THIS

SEE IF I WON'T
OPEN THE
WINDOWS
OF HEAVEN

SEE IF I WON'T
REBUKE THE
DEVOURER

Malachi 3:6-11 *(KJV)*

¹¹“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not **destroy the fruit of your ground**, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,’ says the Lord of hosts.”



- “I’ve never seen anyone get **close to God** and quit tithing...”
- ...but I’ve seen people **walk away from God** and quit tithing...
- ...I’ve never seen an **exception** to this.”

- *Duane Sheriff*

- You can get more blessing by honoring the Lord w/ 10% and Him blessing 90%
- Then holding onto 100% and let the devourer destroy our fruit.

- When we hang on due to...
 - Greed
 - Fear
 - Unbelief
- ...the devourer (god of mammon) takes it

- God will bless your 90% more than you can bless your 100%
- We must let unplug from every religious teaching from Malachi 3 and see:

“THIS IS AWESOME”

GOD TESTED ABRAHAM

ISAAC WAS

A TITHE

TO REAP

MANY

NATIONS

Genesis 22:2 *(KJV)*

2“Then He said, ‘Take now your son, **your only son Isaac**, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’”



Genesis 22:12 *(KJV)*

¹²“And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld **your only son**, from Me.’”



Genesis 22:16 *(KJV)*

¹⁶“And said: ‘By Myself I have sworn,’ says the Lord, ‘because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, **your only son.**’”



GOD TESTED JOSHUA

JERICHO WAS

A TITHE

TO REAP

THE SPOILS
OF ALL
OTHER CITIES

Joshua 6:17-19 *(KJV)*

¹⁷“Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.”



Joshua 6:17-19 *(KJV)*

¹⁸“And you, by all means abstained from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.”



Joshua 6:17-19 *(KJV)*

¹⁹“But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, **are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.**”



GOD TESTED PHARAOH

ISRAEL WAS

A TITHE

TO REAP

ALL NATIONS

Exodus 4:22-23 *(KJV)*

22“Then you shall say to Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord: **‘Israel is My son, My firstborn.’””**”



Exodus 4:22-23 *(KJV)*

²³“So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”



Jeremiah 2:3 *(KJV)*

3“Israel was holiness to the Lord, **the firstfruits of His increase**. All that devour him will offend; disaster will come upon them,’ says the Lord.”



GOD TESTED THE WORLD

JESUS WAS

A TITHE

TO REAP

THE WORLD

**TITHING IS
MORE THAN MONEY
TITHING IS A PRINCIPLE OF
HIS KINGDOM**

TITHING IS
CONNECTING TO GOD AS
OUR SOURCE
AND HIM INCREASING
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- This does not dismiss my **authoritative responsibility** of rebuking the devil under grace
- I still must **submit** to God and **resist** the devil

ENGAGE w/ ME IN YOUR FINANCES

I WILL REBUKE THE DESTROYER OF

**THE FRUIT OF
YOUR GROUND**

CONNECT ME TO YOUR TITHING

**YOUR SEED
WILL MULTIPLY**

NOTHING WILL FALL

BEFORE ITS TIME

**REBUKE THE DEVOURER
FROM STEALING YOUR**

INVESTMENTS

FROM DEVOURING

YOUR LAND

I WILL DEAL WITH THE DEVIL
IN THE AREA OF YOUR

TREASURERS

**WE ARE BLESSED
TO BE A BLESSING!
TO ESTABLISH
HIS COVENANT!!**

Malachi 3:12 (KJV)

¹²“And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,’ says the Lord of hosts.”



3 John 1:4 *(KJV)*

4“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.”



Essential Values Concerning

FINANCES