Special Giving combined with Prayer

Luke 7:4; Acts 10:2, 4, 31

Seed Sowing for our Desired Harvest

Luke 6:38

This is our earnestness of faith in coming to God

Hebrews 11:6

FINANCIAL FREEDOM





Financial Freedom = Being "Rich"

- = Biblical Prosperity = Having more than enough to fulfill your personal destiny i.e.
- 1. To do good works God ordained for you.
- 2. To be a **blessing** to others
- 3. To **touch** lives that God brings in your life.

SUMMARY -FINANCIAL FREEDOM [PART 1]



- I. Know that God delights in the Prosperity of His children.
- II. Know that God is the source of all provision and wealth for man.
- III. God not only delights in our prosperity, He will <u>Teach</u> us to profit.

SUMMARY -FINANCIAL FREEDOM [PART 1]



- IV. Know the difference between Bread and <u>Seed</u>.
- V. At all times, we must seek First God's Kingdom and His Righteousness, Then we will have all our provision and prosperity.

SUMMARY -FINANCIAL FREEDOM [PART 2]



Seed Sowing

- To have a harvest [provision], we must first sow a <u>Seed</u>.
- 2. We must sow in **Quality** soil.
- 3. We must sow <u>Proportionately</u> with <u>Expectation</u> to receive.

SUMMARY -FINANCIAL FREEDOM [PART 2]



Seed Sowing

- 4. We must sow in Faith.
- 5. We must sow in the right <u>Season</u>.
- 6. We must look to the LORD of the Harvest.
- 7. <u>Waiting in constant prayer</u> is the proof we believe God.

Financial Freedom [Part 3]

The Principle of the Tithe

Tithe means

The tenth part of agricultural produce or personal income set apart as an offering to God or for works of mercy, or the same amount regarded as an obligation or tax for the support of the church, priesthood, or the like.

Tithe means *the tenth part* i.e. 1/10 of the whole i.e. 10% [www.dictionary.com]

 Of all [100%] that God has given to us, He only ask his people to pay the <u>Tithe</u>.

1 Chronicles 29:14b

For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.

Leviticus 27:26

But the firstborn of the animals, which should be **the LORD's firstborn**, no man shall dedicate; whether it is an ox or sheep, **it is the LORD's**. Leviticus 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD.

God stipulates how much our tithe must be

Leviticus 27:32

And concerning the <u>tithe</u> of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.



Deuteronomy 14:22-23

22 You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.
23 ... the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

<u>The Principle of the Tithe</u>

 The tithe is the first <u>10%</u> of our income and increase of whatever the Lord has given to us.

Examples



- When we tithe, God will <u>Sanctify</u> the remaining 90% of what we have received.
 - e.g. *if your salary is* **\$1000**, *you tithe* **\$100 [10%]**.

God will sanctify the remaining **90%** by protecting it from the devourer.

3. When we tithe, God will <u>Sanctify</u> the remaining 90%.

Malachi 3:11

"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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Matthew 6:20

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where **neither moth nor rust destroys** and where **thieves do not break in and steal**.

Haggai 1:5-6

5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

- 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 1:9-11

9 "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little ... 10 Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. 11 For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the **oil**, on **whatever** the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

- Tithing is not taking a tenth of our own money and giving it to God.
- It is returning a tenth of what was already His to begin with!
- ✓ We are merely stewards of God's property.
- Thus, we are robbing when we fail to return the tithe.

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Anything above the tithe is our OFFERING

God leaves it up to us as to the size of our offering

5. Tithes, offerings and alms

A. <u>Tithes</u> are usually made to the local church where you are fed the Word of God

i.e. BBTC - where you are personally plugged in the body-life.

- 5. Tithes, offerings and alms
 - B. <u>Offerings</u> are freewill and made to the Lord for the work of God and this can be channeled to:
 - i. The Local Church i.e. BBTC
 - ii. Mission Agencies like NTM, YWAM, Pioneers, etc.

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 - iii. Para-Church Organizationse.g. CCC, Navigators, SYFC, HI, etc.iv. Missionaries in the field.

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c. Look for opportunities to give <u>alms</u> to the relatively poor and the needy beginning in our families and BBTC.

[Galatians 6:10]



How to give <u>alms</u> to the relatively Poor and the Needy:





Pay for Expenses Pocket Money Allowance

Buy School Uniform Buy an electrical appliance

Buy the tissue packs sold by the blind or needy person moving from table to table in the foodcourt / coffeeshop 5. Tithes, offerings and alms

c. Look for opportunities to give <u>**alms**</u> to the relatively poor and the needy.

Matthew 10:8b

Freely you have received, freely give.

Galatians 2:10

They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.



6. Question :

Is tithing a part of the law / OT which is now outmoded?

A. Answer : NO

Tithing was instituted way Before the law [Moses]



Genesis 14:18-20

18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he [Abram] gave him [Melchizedek] a tithe of all.
<u>The Principle of the Tithe</u>

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Genesis 28:22 [NIV]

... and of all that You gave me [Jacob], I will give You a tenth.

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B. The Lord Jesus Himself said that <u>Men ought to tithe</u> and added that we should also practice justice, mercy and faith.

Matthew 23:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These [the tithe] you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

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 c. In the NT, the tithe is affirmed with reference to its first practice in Hebrews 7:1-2.

Hebrews 7:1-2

1 For this **Melchizedek**, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth part of all** ...

6. Question :

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 D. Our tithe is today still accepted by our Lord Jesus Who lives forevermore! [Hebrews 7:8]

Hebrews 7:8 (NKJV)

Here mortal men receive tithes, but there He [The Lord Jesus] receives them, of whom it is witnessed that He lives.

Hebrews 7:8 (NLT)

The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so **Melchizedek** is greater than they are, because we are told that He **[The Lord Jesus] lives** on.

Hebrews 7:15-17

15 This change has been made very clear since a different priest, who is like Melchizedek, has appeared. 16 Jesus became a priest, not by meeting the physical requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi, but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. 17 And the psalmist pointed this out when he prophesied, "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."

 Intentionally <u>Give</u> and <u>Sow</u> your tithes and offerings with <u>Prayer</u>

2 Corinthians 9:5-13

5 ...exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

2 Corinthians 9:5-13

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:5-13

9As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 10Now 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,

2 Corinthians 9:5-13 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

2 Corinthians 9:5-13

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men

- Tithing is our response of love to <u>Honour</u> God.
 - Salvation is 100% by the grace of God.
 - > We can do absolutely nothing to earn it.
 - But, after we are saved, God said that: "none shall appear before Him empty-handed."

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Deuteronomy 16:16

Three times a year all your males shall **appear before the LORD your God** in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and **they shall not appear before the LORD <u>empty-handed</u>.**

How do we Honor Someone Special?

- ✓ Guest of Honour Minister MP
- People in Authority Boss Spiritual Leader
- Parent Husband Wife

Someone we love, what would we give?

God owns and have everything! Proverbs 3:9 HONOT the LORD with your possessions, and with the first-fruits of all your increase

The tithes and offerings we bring is one way we honour and love Him! Matthew 2:11; Psalm 24:7-10