



A Look At God's Financial Plan For Our Lives

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

a) The Priority of Tithing:

A tithe is 10% of our income and giving that one tenth is an integral part of biblical stewardship and worship.

Some responses to the tithe:

- I don't believe in New Testament tithing.

Abraham gave a tithe unto the Lord. Hebrews 7:1-2 (read)

Jacob offered tithes to the Lord: Gen. 28:20-22

And according to Psalms 24:1; "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains." The Lord owns it all!

- Should I give on the net or the gross? Do you want a net blessing or a gross blessing?

Larry Burkett stated "A family that finds itself unable to make a commitment of a tenth of its resources to God should realistically examine its spending and living habits. Perhaps that will require a crucial examination of spiritual values as well."

Bill Hybels stated; "The tithe is wonderful goal but a terrible place to stop."

b) The Portion Of God's Financial Plan:

I Cor. 16:1-2; “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”

Proverbs 3:9; “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first-fruits of all your increase;”

c) The Place of God's Financial Plan:

Malachi 3:10

“the storehouse” or the church

d) The Purpose of God's Financial Plan:

- To provide for the work of the Lord
- Proves the faithfulness of God:
“test Me now in this... I will pour out for you a blessing until it overflows” (Mal. 3:10)
- It is the proper way to honor God

e) The Proper Attitude Toward God's Financial Plan:

2 Cor. 9:7; "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

f) The Promises of God's Financial Plan:

- Malachi 3:10; “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test 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 a blessing until it overflows.”
- Proverbs 3:9-10; “Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.” Make giving a priority and the Father will abundantly provide for your needs.

- Luke 6:38; “Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”
- 2 Cor. 9:6; “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”
- 2 Cor. 9:7-8; “Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”