

God Prospers Us!

Wouldn't it be silly to think that Jesus came from heaven, died for our sins, invites us to go to heaven and to then think that He does is not concerned about our physical well being. He is! For instance in Matthew 6, He said for us to consider the birds of the air. They do not plant or harvest crops and yet God takes care of them. How much more will He take care of us?!



God not only takes care of us, it is God's intentions to also bless your finances! This means, you should not only have enough to meet your needs and many of your wants, but that you have an over abundance so that you can help others as well.

Paul explained it like this, in 2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work." So God is vitally interested in your economic well being.

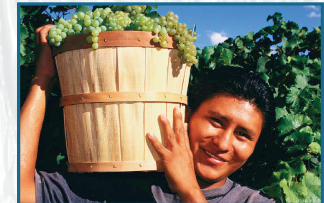
It Starts with Tithing

In order to learn about God's system of economics, you will have to learn about tithes and offerings. The best place to start is Malachi 3: 9-10:

“Bring the whole tithe into the store house, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me with this, says the Lord, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I



will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, says God,” ASV.

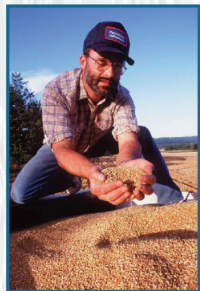


The word "tithe" means one-tenth. As you can see from the passage above, God expects us to invest 10% of our income into the Kingdom of God. For someone who is not used to this, this could mean a great deal. However, please consider the rest of the passage and see what a blessing tithing is! There are three wonderful blessings that accompany tithing. First, it provides spiritual sustenance for our lives (that there may be food in my house, verse 10). Secondly as we tithe, God opens up the windows of heaven and blesses us in ways we would never dream possible. Thirdly, God protects us from harmful things that could rob us of our finances. So it makes great financial sense to tithe.

Your tithe should go to the place where you are spiritually fed. This is God's way of taking care of those who care for your spiritual needs and to help them fulfill God's directives He has given them.

And Offerings...

The second way to participate in God's economy is through giving offerings. Offerings can be given to help care for the poor, and also to invest in ministries that are reaching out to the people who do not yet know God. You should carefully and seriously pray about being involved in these situations! God is attracted to generous givers, and will bless your life in innumerable ways!



Blessings from Above

Here are just a few of the blessings you can expect:

You will prepare for yourself "treasure in heaven," Matthew 6:20.

God will bless you with spiritual blessings, Luke 16:11.

Others will come and be a blessing to you, Proverbs 11:25 & Luke 6:38.

So use your money wisely! Use your money to be a blessing in the Kingdom of God! You will be blessed more than you can imagine!



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