

God's Blueprint for Provision

It all begins
with the
tithe!

The tithe in the Bible



Abraham & Melchizedek

- ❖ Genesis 14,14-24
- ❖ Melchizedek is a type of Christ.
- ❖ Served Abraham bread and wine.
- ❖ Blessed Abraham.
- ❖ Abraham gave him a tenth of everything.

Jacob

- ❖ Genesis 28,10-22
- ❖ God had given him wonderful promises.
- ❖ Jacob vowed that he would give God a tithe of his income.

Jesus confirmed giving the tithe

Matthew 23,23: “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices- mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law- justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”



The Principle of the Tithe

Malachi 3,8-12

Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

A Clear Warning

- ❖ He said that when we do not give the tithe, we are robbing God.
- ❖ This leads to financial difficulties for us.

For Example...

God called His people to rebuild His temple in Jerusalem, which lay in ruins. However, they ended up working on their own homes and neglecting His. This is what He said to them.

Haggai 1,4-8: "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

The Tithe:

Partnership with God!

- ❖ Provision for His works.
- ❖ Opens the Windows of Heaven.
- ❖ He rebukes things that would try to rob us.
- ❖ He protects us.
- ❖ The Blessings overflow!

A Pastor should receive his provision
from the church.

The church is responsible to support him.



1 Corinthians 9,14: In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

1. Timothy 5,17-18: Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

1 Corinthians 9,11: If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?



The Blessing of Giving!



It is more blessed to give than receive!

Acts 20:35

Treasure in Heaven

- ❖ Everyone has a heavenly bank account.
- ❖ When we give, we are making a deposit in this account!

Matthew 6,19-29: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

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

Philippians 4,17: Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

It is an important basis for
our future reward.

2 Corinthians 9,9: As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."



It leads to spiritual growth and greater responsibility

- ❖ Whether we are generous or not is often a test.
- ❖ When we are faithful, God trusts us with His spiritual riches.

Luke 16, 11-13: If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

God brings increase in our lives when we are generous

Luke 6,38: Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

2 Corinthians 9,6: The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

When we give sacrificially, we experience the supernatural provision of God

- ❖ We manage to do what we could never do in our own ability
- ❖ When we give in faith and obedience,

2 Corinthians 9,8: And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9,10: He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Giving demonstrates the Love of God



Love is our motive!

❖ God love the world so much that He gave.....

1 John 3,17-18: But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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