

TITHING: EVERYTHING IS GOD'S

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- The earth is the Lord's and everything in it (Psalm 24:1)

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- The biggest part of Christianity is “renewing our minds” (Romans 12:2)
so as to “have the mind of Christ”.
- Everything belongs to God.
- Romans 11:36 says,
“For FROM Him, and THROUGH Him, and TO Him
are all things. To God be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.”

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- So everything comes FROM God. Everything goes THROUGH God. And everything goes TO God.
- In this way God GETS THE GLORY!!!

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- People believe we should tithe 10% and then live on the rest. The rest being OURS to spend as we like!!
- But this is NOT true. EVERYTHING IS THE LORD'S!! We are called to be “stewards” of the money, gifts, and talents He gives us. This means we are to “look after” what He gives us and use it “for His glory”.

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- You see tithing 10% is the LAW. And we are NOT under the Law but Grace. We are to live on a “higher ground” – “a higher way”.
- We are to give “cheerfully” and “without obligation”. **“God loves a cheerful giver.”**
- We are but “stewards” of what He has given us!!

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Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

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- It is easy to “receive” grace but another thing to “extend” grace.
- We have “received” forgiveness but can we “extend” forgiveness to others?
- We have “received” eternal life but do we “extend” eternal life to others by sharing our faith?
- We have “received” so many countless blessings from Christ but can we “extend” blessings to others?

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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." O Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:8-11)

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This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:12-15)

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- So we should ask God for a heart “full of grace and mercy” and ask God for the “mind of Christ” to realize that all we have has come to us as a “gift from God.”
- Again, we are but “stewards” of what God gives us.
- Our life, our breath, our family, our ministry, our job, our homes, our clothing, our food, our drink, etc.
..... all come from God.

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- And we are to receive everything in “thankfulness”.
- Then we are to “give back to God” what He has “given to us.”

“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

(2 Corinthians 8:7)

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- Paul is not commanding us. He wants “to test the sincerity” of our love.
- And he tests it by “comparing it with the earnestness of others”. Seeing how others give generously.

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- We are called to “**excel in this grace of giving**”.

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor.8:9)

- Jesus left His riches in heaven for our sakes. For our sake, He became poor.
- And the result of “His poverty” was so we might become rich!!! Praise His Glorious Name!!

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- Remember, we are “storing up treasures in heaven that are eternal”.
- Things we gain here are passing away. What is waiting for us in Heaven is ETERNAL!!!
- We don't even know if the money we leave behind for our children will be used to glorify God or used for wrong motives.

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"Now our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. But who am I and who are my people that we should give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

(1 Chronicles 29:13).

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- **The most significant principle in giving is to give thankfully.**
- **David, is praying for the offering that was being given.**
- **Yet he recognized that all we have and possess is from God and therefore we need give back to Him what belongs to Him.**

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- If we do this we will be blessed. It is truly better to “give than to receive” as Jesus said.
 - For what do we have that has not come from God.
- “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” (Galatians 6:7)**

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- Giving may be financially, spiritually, or practically.
- Giving comes from a heart of “thanksgiving, generosity and cheerfulness”God’s heart!!
- And we are promised that it will be returned to us in some way.
- But that is not our motive: our motive is to show our love for our Lord through our giving.

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“Cast your bread upon the water and you will find it after many days”. (Ecclesiastes 11:1)

- **When we “cast our bread” or “give our talents, gifts, and finances” it is promised to us that we will receive it back later in some way or another.**
- **It can also be a measure of peace or joy.**

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“he who sow's sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows generously will reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

- **You reap what you sow. God promises a great harvest for those who sow plenty.**
- **God's word says that “God loves a cheerful giver”**

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- **“A very wealthy man came to his minister and said, I'm having a problem with this tithing thing. You see I made \$500,000 dollars last year. If I gave 10% then I'd have to give \$50,000. I can't do that.**
- **The pastor took him aside and asked if they could pray together. The pastor prayed, "Dear Lord please reduce this man's income so that he can afford to give."**

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- We need to start right where we are at understanding “everything is God’s”.
- First, asking God to give us a “heart like Jesus”. A heart of generosity and self-less giving.
- We can’t do this on our own. It is a “supernatural gift” from God so that God gets the glory!!!

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"Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we ought to be content." (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

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- **When we are content with what we have, it reflects on our outward appearance as well as within.**
- **We are happy when we are content. This is very true and I believe we see it in others who are generous in their lives.**
- **It is truly a marvelous thing to have a heart like Jesus.**

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- Jesus' heart that said, **"It is better to give than to receive."** And Jesus "gave" – He "gave" His life for us.
- And God "gave" – God "gave" His only begotten Son for us.
- And we are called to "give" because we have been given so much.....life in Christ!!

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- Let's remember the poor widow Jesus watched in the temple putting her money in the temple offering.
- The poor, old widow who, “gave all she had”.
- Jesus looked beyond her “financial” gift and saw her heart – He saw she was giving Him – ALL OF HER HEART!!

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- **All the Law did was cause “death” because NOBODY could keep it except Jesus Christ.**
- **Christ came to set us free from the Law.**
- **And we have a NEW HIGHER LAW – the LAW OF LOVE**
- **So we can give 10% by the Law or we can give cheerfully with the idea of building God's Kingdom and showing our love for God!!**

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- **LET'S PRAY:**

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