

**CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SERVICE SEMINARS  
A Christian L.I.F.E. Development Track**

**CLASS 201: SESSION 3**

**THE HABIT OF TRUE WORSHIP: TITHING  
(TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE)**

***Honoring God With My Giving***

*"On the first day of each week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn."*

1 Cor. 16:2 (LB)

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## WHAT IS TRUE WORSHIP

### The Biblical Design of Public Worship

*"There was a day when the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord" Job 1:6*

*"...That you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable worship." Romans 12:1*

TRUE WORSHIP is how we demonstrate the righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_.

The essential expression of TRUE WORSHIP is \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.

The sum of TRUE WORSHIP can be described as \_\_\_\_\_ of one's time, talents, and treasure, which is how we are to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice before the Lord, Romans 12:1

### WORSHIP IS GIVING!!! MY GIVING REVEALS MY SPIRITUAL MATURITY

*"Just as you excel in everything else... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness... see that you also **excel in the grace of giving**." 2 Cor. 8:7*

### WHY GOD WANTS ME TO GIVE 10 Benefits to My Life

**1. GIVING MAKES ME** \_\_\_\_\_  
*God so **loved** the world that **He gave** his only Son ..." John 3:16*

**2. GIVING DRAWS ME** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also." Matt.6:21*

**3. GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to **be generous and willing to share**. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!" 1Tim. 6:17-19*

**4. GIVING STRENGTHENS** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord by **giving him the first part of your income**, and he will fill your barns to overflowing." Prov.3:5,9*

*"Give and it will be given to you ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38*

**5. IT EVIDENCES THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY FAITH.**

*By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, Hebrews 11:4.*

**6. IT PROVES THE SINCERITY OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

*I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. II Corinthians 8:8.*

**7. IT DEMONSTRATES MY \_\_\_\_\_ AS GOD'S STEWARD.**

*Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? Luke 16:9-12.*

**8. GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT \_\_\_\_\_**

*"... Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven - it is the only safe investment for eternity. 1 Tim 6:18-19 (LB)*

**9. GIVING BLESSES ME \_\_\_\_\_**

*"A generous man himself will be blessed." Prov. 22:9*

*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Prov.11:25*

*"Good will come to him who is generous ..." Ps. 112:5*

**10. GIVING \_\_\_\_\_**

*(Jesus) "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35*

**WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT GIVING**

- **Misconceptions about Christian Giving**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Misconception: Some believers are taught that their righteousness must exceed what the law required. However, the scriptures teach that the righteousness of Christian faith \_\_\_\_\_ the requirements of the Law.

*"...in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit." Rom. 8:4*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Misconception: Some believers falsely assume that Tithing was strictly an Old Testament practice. However, the Tithing system was ordained for the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...and those who serve at the altar share in what is sacrificed on the altar? 14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.” I Cor. 9:13-14*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Misconception: Christian giving is freewill giving only. However, Giving in support of the Ministry is ordained by God, but Free Will Offerings cannot be by \_\_\_\_\_, 2 Cor. 8:8, nor of \_\_\_\_\_, 2 Cor. 9:6

*“I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.” 2 Cor. 8:8*

The Fundamental Misconception is that the New Testament is a New \_\_\_\_\_. It is not a New Law; it is a **New Covenant**;

Paul says, “...in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:4

#### **THE TWO TYPES OF GIVING:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving – Giving that is commanded by God or required from others
  - Tithing – returning to God what belongs to Him
  - Taxes – Rendering to the state what is due
  - Debts – rendering to others what is owed them
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving – expressing our love for God and others by freely giving out of what we have a right to possess.

- Offerings – liberality that is not commanded or required
- Benevolence (alms) – helping others.

### WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT TITHING

**Tithing is \_\_\_\_\_ . It is expressed in every Bible age. Tithing was ....**

- Practiced as \_\_\_\_\_ **Faith** before the Law. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to wear...and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.” Genesis 28:20-22
- Prescribed as \_\_\_\_\_ **Obedience** in the Law. *“A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.”*
- Purposed for \_\_\_\_\_ **Support** in the Faith. *“Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share what is sacrificed on the altar? <sup>14</sup> In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who preach the gospel should get their living by the gospel. I Corinthians 9:13-14.*

### WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES: WHAT IS TITHING?

- How is Tithing The Essence Of True Worship. We worship God through giving to God the first of our...
  - **Time** – the first day of the week
  - **Treasure** – the first part of our income
  - **Talent** – the first of our gift abilities
  - **Team** – the first of our relationships
- **Worship is the \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves to God. True worship involves total sacrifice.**

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*  
Romans 12:1.

- **The word “tithe” means “\_\_\_\_\_”, it signifies \_\_\_\_\_.**

... and to him Abraham apportioned "one-tenth of everything." Hebrews 7:2

- **Tithing is based upon the law of \_\_\_\_\_.** Cf. I Corinthians 16:1.

... Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase,  
Proverbs 3:9

... Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, I Corinthians 16:2

### **WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES: How is tithing described?**

- **It is the first fruits of increase**

*I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God.*  
Deut. 26:10.

- **It is the sacred portion**

*...then you shall say before the Lord your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion out of my house,*

- **It is the Lord's**

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "TITHE" AND AN "OFFERING"?**

- A "tithe" is giving \_\_\_\_\_ of my income.
- An "offering" is anything I give \_\_\_\_\_ my tithe.

### **WHY SHOULD I TITHE? 8 REASONS FROM GOD'S WORD**

1. **Because God \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy."* Lev. 27:30

2. **Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either."*  
Matt. 23:23

3. **Tithing demonstrates that God has \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life."* Deut. 14:23 (LB)

4. **Tithing reminds me that \_\_\_\_\_ was given to me by God!**

"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deut. 8:18

**5. Tithing expresses the \_\_\_\_\_ of my faith.**

"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Ps. 116:12

"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deut. 16:17

**6. God says that refusing to tithe is \_\_\_\_\_ from Him!**

"God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'In tithes and offerings ... Bring your **whole** tithe to My house.'" Mal. 3:8-10

**7. Tithing enables you to receive the \_\_\_\_\_!**

"Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. **Test me in this**" says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out **so much blessing** that you won't have room enough for it! I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will be protected from plagues." Mal. 3:10

**8. Tithing protects me from the \_\_\_\_\_ of unfaithful stewardship.**

(Jesus) "If you really love me, do what I command." John 14:15

Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. <sup>6</sup> Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. <sup>7</sup> Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Haggai 1:6-7.

**WHAT SHOULD I TITHE?**

The \_\_\_\_\_ part of what I earn, not the \_\_\_\_\_

"Honor the Lord by giving him the **first part** of all your income." Prov. 3:9-10

**WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY TITHE?**

WHERE I \_\_\_\_\_

"Bring your **whole** tithe to My Storehouse (Temple) ..." Mal. 3:10

**WHEN SHOULD I TITHE?** \_\_\_\_\_

"On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." 1 Cor. 16:2 (LB)

How To Remember:

- Keep a ledger book: Acct. #1: My Tithe
- Use weekly envelopes
- Teach your children to Tithe.

## THE HABIT OF GIVING OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

Principles Related To Offerings:

- Offerings are pledged in advanced
- Must be done out of a willing heart
- Must have fulfilled what is required
- Proves the sincerity of one's love
- Sowing and reaping law's apply
- Offerings are spiritual investments

## GIVING an OFFERING: THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

- **GIVE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have." 2Cor.9:12*

*"Each one should give **what he has decided in his heart to give**, not reluctantly or under pressure ..." I Cor. 9:7a*

- **GIVE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... for God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Cor. 9:7*

- **GIVE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"They gave as much as they were able, and even **beyond their ability**. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service ..." 2 Cor. 8:3-4*

- **GIVE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously." 2 Cor. 9:6*



## **THE KEY TO ACCEPTABLE GIVING**

**" ...THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD ... " 2 Cor. 8:5**

### **A COMMITMENT PRAYER**

"Father, I know you love me and want what's best for me. I recognize that all I have, or will ever have, comes from you. I am more interested in pleasing you than in having more possessions. I want you to have first place in my life and I am willing to begin tithing as you have commanded. Out of gratitude for all you've done for me, and in expectation that you will continue to provide for me, I commit myself to returning at least the first 10% of all I earn back to you. I want to begin investing for eternity. Help me to remain faithful to this commitment. In Jesus' name, Amen."