

## A WORTHY BRIDE - TITHING: Part One



We should all want to be part of the bride of Christ.

**Luke 21:36** - Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

I was thinking about this scripture and praying to the Lord asking what things must we do to be considered worthy? I knew to pray and read His Word and obey. Do all the things to have an intimate relationship with Jesus and do His commands. But I was asking if there were things I wasn't thinking of. This

message came from the answer the Holy Spirit gave me. One part of the answer was to seek Jesus to baptize you in His Holy Spirit and I gave a message on that.

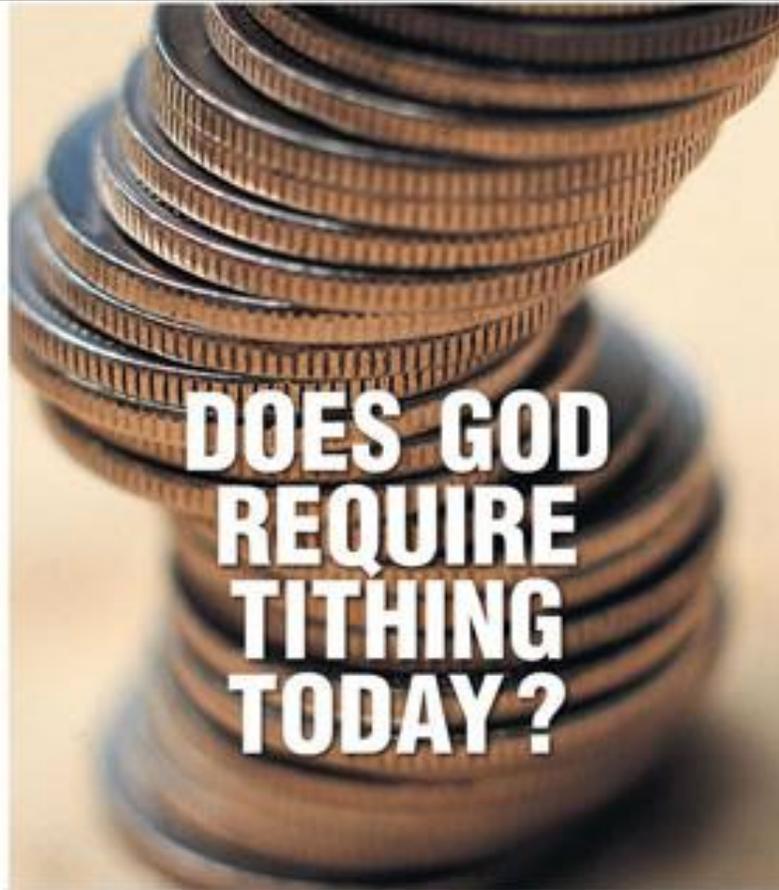
The second part of what God showed me is to tithe and give.



We are going to study on tithes and offerings because I want everyone to understand that God wants your obedience in this. He told me point blank those that don't want anything to do with His Holy Spirit and do not seek the baptism will not be in the rapture. Secondly He showed me that those who do not tithe will not be in the rapture. There are many people in hell for not tithing and we are going to share some testimonies of those who saw them in this message.

You are not honoring your Pastor or anyone else when you give. You are not doing it for them. You do these things in obedience to God and in so doing you take part in His Kingdom work. Jesus said if you love Me you will obey Me and so we show our love by being obedient.

So let's get right into what God revealed to me on tithing.



The short answer to that question is yes.

### **DEREK PRINCE TEACHING**

Money plays a major part in our contemporary culture today. If God didn't have a plan for our money then a major part of our life would not be under God's control. That in turn would inevitably affect other parts of our lives.

Don't underestimate your money. It represents at least these three things: your time, your strength and your talents. It may represent your inheritance, when someone who loved you leaves you what they once had. I never thought of my money like that. When you look at it that way, you begin to see it in a different light. When you invest your money you are investing a major part of yourself. You can invest your money for good or for bad. Choosing to do God's will with your money is for good.

You will not understand this teaching or God's plan for your life until you surrender yourself fully for God's service, and learn to think God's way which is renewing your mind.

**Romans 12:2** - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



There are plenty of messages out there saying tithing is Old Testament. Saying that tithing is not required anymore. I saw one teaching saying it was a sin to tithe. This is great deception.

Now just as this picture reflects, there are those that have caused many to stumble in this area because they are abusing their position in the church and even fleecing the flock so to speak to serve their own greed. Some say tithing was never money in the Bible. It was first fruits, from their harvest. That is how they made their living then. That is what sustained them. Most of us don't have farms or livestock. So what sustains us today? Most of us work for a paycheck. So when we get paid, that is our first fruits. If you get government support, then that

is your first fruits. Whenever income comes into your house, no matter where it comes from, then that is your first fruits.

True ministers of God and those doing His work should not have to brow beat you to get you to help in supporting God's work. And if you don't want to pay tithes or give because you don't like your Pastor, then you need to get to the bottom of why you don't like that pastor. If it is not a true church then you need to get out of that church and pray for God to lead you to another church. Pray for that Pastor. But for sure you want to be in a church that you like and are happy at and are growing and learning the ways of the Lord.



**Rev. 3:11** – Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Don't let wrong teaching cause you to stumble, study to show yourself approved. Don't let greedy people who aren't right with God cause you to disobey and lose your crown by going to hell instead of heaven.

God wants us to prosper in all areas of our lives. Not being filthy rich and selfish kind of prospering.

**3 John 1:2** – Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. (soul, physical body, and finance)

**Proverbs 3:6** - In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Money is a way.

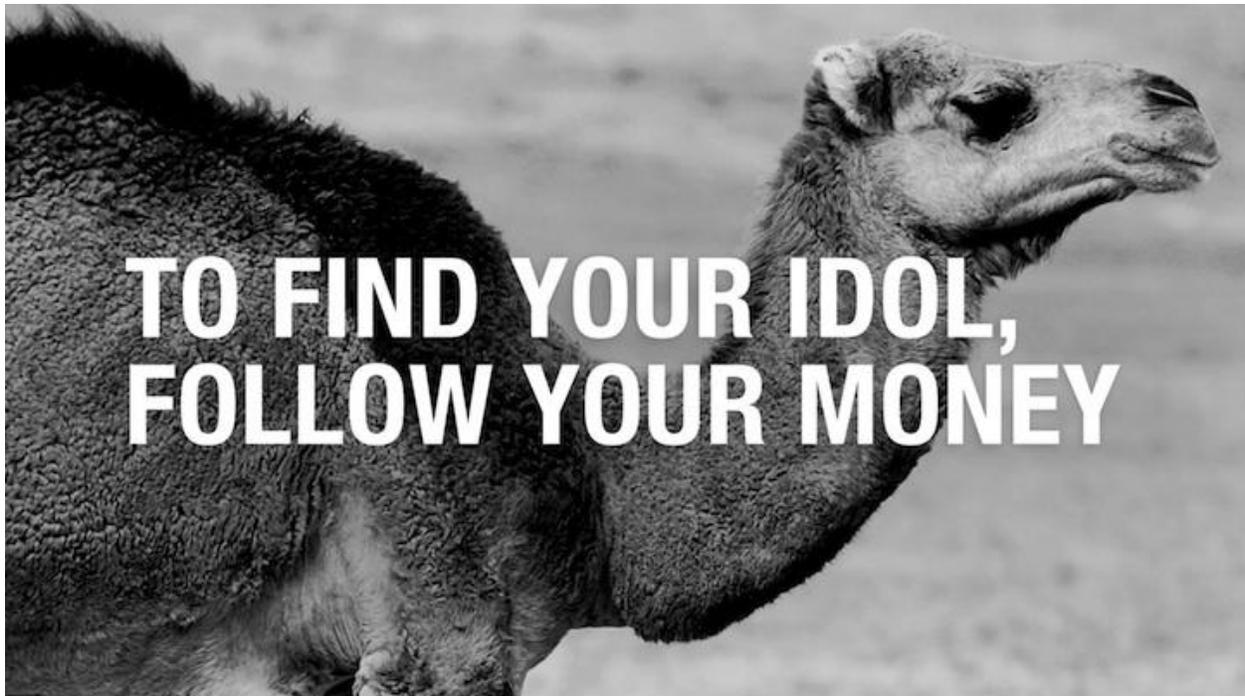
**Prov. 3:9-10** – Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

All your material needs will be met.

With your money you either honor God or you dishonor God. “God doesn't want your tips.” – Derek Prince When you throw a dollar or two in the offering plate. If you gave a waitress a tip like that she'd give you a dirty look and not want to wait on you in the future.

**Col. 3:5** – Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, **and covetousness**, which is idolatry:

Putting money before God is idolatry.



I believe you can find your idols when you look at what you spend your money and time on.

**1 Tim.6:9-11** – But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

God wants us to see our money as something holy, something we should offer to God.

**Exod.23:14-15** – Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before Me empty:) No one is to appear before Me empty handed. This was part of that celebration and worship.

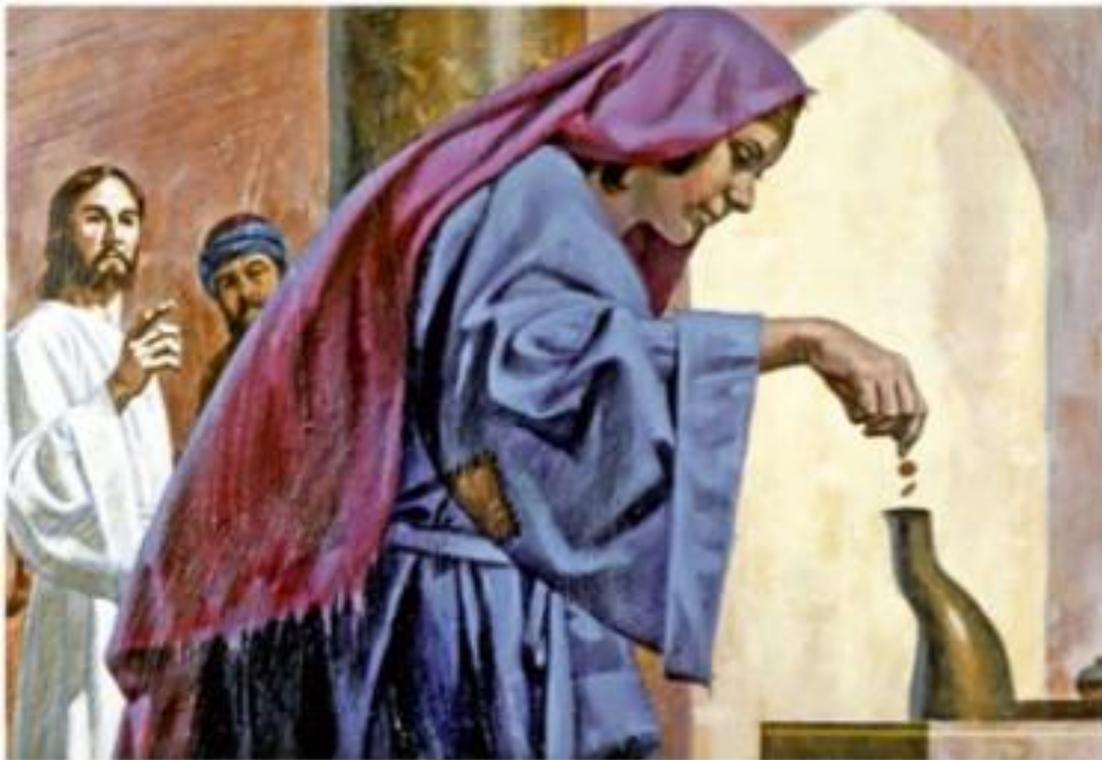
**Psalm 96:8** – Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Giving to the Lord gives glory to Him. Bringing an offering gives access to His courts. Bringing the offering is a God appointed part of our Worship. Our Worship is not complete until we bring an offering to God.

God keeps a record of what His people offer.

**Numbers 7:10-17** – read this out

This record goes through every item of each leader of the tribes of Israel. God recorded each one in detail even though each one brought the exact same thing in. He didn't just write and the other 11 brought the same thing. No He had each one recorded exactly. God keeps very accurate records.



The poor widow putting in two mites. Jesus Himself watches how we give. He's still watching how we give.

**Romans 14:12** – So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

To give account – was used primarily of a financial account. And this is one of the meanings in the Greek.

Tithe means a tenth – the first tenth. Tithing is about 400 years earlier than the law. We see it when Abraham tithed to Melchizedek. So it was not part of the law. Abraham is presented as a father to all who believe.

**Romans 4:11-12** – And he received the sign of circumcision of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

In order to be children of Abraham, we have to walk in the steps of Abraham's faith and that includes the handling of our money.

**Gen. 28:20-22** – And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.

Jacob made a vow to God, of all You give me, I will give you a tenth. God provides all our needs and in return we give Him a tenth.

Jacob had only his staff when he crossed the Jordan but when he came back, he was very wealthy.

Under the law of Moses, the tithe belonged to God, no questions. The entire tithe is holy to the Lord.

## **NEW TESTAMENT TITHING**

**Heb. 6:19-20** – Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the Forerunner is

for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

**Heb.7:4-8** – Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there (heaven) He (Jesus) receiveth them, of Whom it is witnessed that He liveth.

Tithing is continuous even unto today.

**Mal.3:7-12** – Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you 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 fruits of your ground (will not take your job or your health – God will sustain you); neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

God calls withholding His appointed portion robbery. The blessing is promised upon the condition of bringing the whole tithe into the storehouse.

I saw many testimonies of people online having trouble in their marriages, needing healing etc. Once they began to tithe, they began to see change in their situations.

How did God know they had been robbing Him? He keeps a record. If you don't honor Him with your tithe, it brings a curse on you. It is a test of our faith and of God's faithfulness.

What is the storehouse? In the natural, it is the place where we get the food we eat and it is the place where we obtain seed to sow. Spiritually it is wherever the source of your spiritual food and the seed that you sow is. Where ever you are fed, and that is usually the same place you get seed to sow. That is where you bring your tithe.

Derek said, "Normally you don't eat at the Holiday Inn and pay your bill at Howard Johnson's."

When you don't give then you are letting someone else get your rewards and treasures because they rose to the challenge and you did not help at all. The Body of Christ is supposed to work together. When Pastor Dalbeer's brakes failed on his car and he went off the side of the mountain his car was totaled. He had an experience with Jesus Christ when that happened and Jesus told him he had more work to do for His Father's Kingdom. Scott and I did not have money to buy Pastor Dalbeer another car. He needed a car to get to the villages, they are far apart and he lives in a mountainous region.



But praise the Lord that He touched enough people who were about their Father's work and they gave and it was a little more than a year and we were able to help him get this van. Glory to God for His goodness!

**Proverbs 11:25** - The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Blessings are not just money. God can keep your car from breaking down, good health comes from God, He can cause you to get special discounts and favors, He can make your clothes last longer, there are many ways He can bless you.

**Proverbs 28:27** - He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

If you could help that person in need but you play like you don't see them then God will send curses on you.

#### **MR. JOHN'S TESTIMONY:**

Mr. John comes to church here now and then and one day we were sharing about what God did in our lives when we began to tithe and he had his own story to share. He said I could share it with you all.

It's too late for me to believe in a universe with no God. There is a verse Jesus said. It goes something like "If you come to Me, I will reveal Myself to you." He started doing that with me more than 30 yrs ago. One of the more dramatic ones was when I went to a strange church one Sunday night. The preacher picked me out and said for me not to worry. I was going to be laid off, but God would be giving me an increase. The next morning I got laid off. A week later I was introduced to a company that needed parts made for their product. I got put back to work at my regular job and made the product for the next 10 years. It tripled my income and provided the money to rebuild a building we used for the Lord's work. If you live a life with those kind of things happening to you, you will become a knower, not just a believer too. I've got enough of those stories to fill up a book.

It has been a blast. I love this life, and it's fun too. He told us that the night he went to that church a co-worker of his was with him and he was an unbeliever. He witnessed this whole thing and saw the hand of God at work in John's life. Can you imagine sitting there with a friend and hearing that he was going to lose his job and it happened the very next morning? Then seeing your friend be blessed with a huge salary increase coming right back into that very same company.

Testimony of Laura Wanma in India of something she saw in Hell:

And we went on, **then I saw a lot of people being tortured, and Jesus said to me "These people were not faithful with the Tithe."**

**\*\*Please play – not tithing will send you to hell.\*\***

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A lady on youtube was mad and complaining against the church because they would not help her with a place to stay for her children. She said then the tithe should not be required if they aren't going to help. We don't know all of the details, but this could be a case of the church not doing what the church should do on their part if they were able to help. Your tithe belongs to God and He does expect you to pay it. If the church is not doing right and being good stewards of the money that comes into the church, then you should seek a different church.

God does not need your money, HE has everything already.

**Haggai 2:8** - The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* Mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

He will bless you for your obedience in tithing. All of your money is God's, it all comes from Him. When you tithe the 10% it represents all of your money. It is your first fruits unto God and by being obedient in this, the rest of your money will be under God's umbrella of protection and blessing.

If you are in a jam or have gotten yourself into debt and think you can't pay tithes, then pray and ask the Lord to help you. Start out with 2% or what you think you

can handle and ask Him to help you to get to the 10%. Draw Him in to your situation. You want His blessing and protection over all that you have. You do not want to wind up in hell because you did not tithe and didn't see a way to get out of debt and never asked God for His help. Come to Him with a sincere heart in all you do, He is a fair Judge.

Tithing is a matter of faith. Who are you trusting to provide for you, yourself or God. You could be operating under a spirit of fear because you are scared or worried that God will not keep His Word.

**Heb. 11:6** - But without faith *it is* impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

## **CLOSING**

Next week we are going to learn more about the tithe and offering and our giving. I am also going to share some more things that this ministry does with the support that we receive and some more testimonies about not tithing and going to hell.

When you say no thanks, I don't have to tithe, you cut off God's hand of protection and you stop the blessing from flowing to you. You then draw curses to yourself.

**1 Tim. 6:10** - For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

When you put your money before God, it is your idol.

**James 4:17** - Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

## **PRAYER**

Cherie Beltram on Tithes, Offerings and Giving

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6N4qKI\\_vwY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6N4qKI_vwY)

Laura Wanma's testimony of heaven and hell

<https://christiscoming777.com/2013/04/24/testimony-of-laura-wanma-when-the-lord-jesus-took-her-to-heaven-and-hell/>

Tithing teaching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODfp4fMHDiQ&spfreload=1>

Short talk on tithing – not going in the rapture if you don't tithe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tborp0N1x5Q>

**\*\*What God revealed to me on tithing and being worthy\*\***

<https://christiscoming777.com/2012/03/02/tithing-is-it-required-and-are-there-eternal-consequences-for-non-tithing/>

Derek Prince teaching on tithing and honoring God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON7qpgmX1-s>

Short message on tithing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ci3rsnz6Zk>