

A WORTHY BRIDE – TITHING: Part Four

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A couple of years back, when I didn't have a job, I received an inheritance during that time which helped me through that period, but I didn't tithe on that money, I reasoned that I was out of job and this was different... I also was not getting ANY job offers and the market was good and my qualifications were good. God laid it on my heart that I should have tithed on that money, that I was putting my faith in that money and not in Him. At this point, I was really low on funds, like in 2/3 weeks I would be out of money. I tithed on the original amount and prayed to God. Within 24 hours I had a job offer!



So one point that should be very clear now is that if you want to be a Worthy Bride, then walk in obedience to the Lord and tithing is part of what He commands.

Here are some more things your support has helped this ministry to do:



This is a new school that Pastor Erustus built in Kenya after being evicted from the old school property by the land lord. They decided they wanted to do something else with the property. So all of a sudden he found himself trying to get a structure built to hold school. He along with Pastor Geoffrey have a school there for orphans and poor kids. There are still many things needed for the school, a kitchen to prepare the school lunches, a store room and an over seers place to stay on the property. Not to mention provision for the teachers that teach here. There are school supplies and uniforms and food that are all a continual need.



Pastor Dalbeer with many of the kids in the hostel. Your giving has helped to give these kids a place to stay and food in their bellies. Their caregivers and teachers are working mostly for free. Let's pray and believe for them to receive some sort of salary.



We cannot forget that little girls are not wanted or loved in India. Many are not given an education and are second to the males there. This little girl, Shamyra was abandoned by her family because she was born a girl. God's divine timing had Pastor Dalbeer visit this family almost two weeks after she was born. He could not believe they were leaving her to die on her own because she was a girl. He took her in to his own family. We are helping to take care of her and others like her.

Someone was telling me that they give a bunch of things away that they don't need any more. Things that are still in good shape and very nice. To be clear, this is a good deed but it is not your tithe. Whatever income comes into your house,

that is what is to be tithed on. The other things are alms or giving but they do not take the place of your tithing.

What do tithes help to do in general?

For this ministry it helps with church rent, bank fees, software, computer and printer expenses and helps people that come here physically when they need help. It is my heart's desire for Scott to be fulltime ministry and I am believing God to make that happen. We will draw a salary from this ministry one day or when a need arises as part of this ministry work is to sustain His servants.

This ministry helps our brothers and sisters in Christ in Kenya and India. Some things the tithe and offerings help to do for God's Kingdom is transport Pastor Erustus to check on the churches he's planted, to take him long distances to remote villages, and to carry him to conferences to minister. It helps to feed the poor, widows and orphans. By tithing and giving you are helping to take the gospel to more villages and reaching remote places for Jesus Christ. You are supplying a place to gather and fellowship and learn of the Lord. You are giving hope and shining the love of God into hearts around the world.

You are helping to give educations to poor and orphaned children and women and girls who are not respected in India. You are helping to give basic medical attention to villagers who live too far from a dr. or hospital to get care. You are digging water wells and giving clean drinking water. Putting food in hungry bellies and supplying warm clothes and shoes for their feet. You are helping with electricity bills or generators and gas so the Pastors can get around to tend to the flock of God.

You will be supplying school supplies, Bibles, furniture for the schools, needs of the hostel children. Many of these workers that are teaching are teaching for free. They have no way of providing for their families as they are not earning any money. You can provide some type of salary for them. You are helping them to learn to plant food and grow food to sustain themselves and make a little money from. You are helping them to learn skills to help them to take care of themselves like sewing and also personal hygiene.

I see mega churches and wonder what they are doing with their money. Some do share their projects and what they are doing but many leave us wondering. I know for our ministry, the needs of just these two outreaches is great. There are other ministries and outreaches that are on my heart but I can't even think of helping anywhere else until we are able to better care for the needs of these two outreaches as well as our own ministry. These Pastors do not even have their own homes. I know God loves them just as much as He loves any one of us. Pray with us over all of these needs.

satan is trying to cut off God's work by taking the tithe away. With teachings that it is a sin and people listening to deceptive teachings that say it has been done away with. This has crippled the church greatly in doing the work of the Lord. He's been sinking the money into many mega churches that have sold out and walked away from the Lord long ago.

Many true Pastors are having to work full time secular jobs to try and support their families because the system that God put in place has been compromised by greedy people who do not have a true heart for God and His Kingdom work. These Pastors are not able to devote the kind of time to the Lord that they should be able to because of having to work in the world. Many are poorly paid if they are paid at all. Then we have the opposite end of the spectrum where some are paid so extravagantly that they ought to be ashamed for expecting so high of a salary. Those greedy Pastors who are extremely over paid will answer to God just as the people who did not want to give to their Pastor will answer.

1 Tim. 5:17-19 – Let the elders (Pastors/ministers/leaders) that rule well be counted **worthy of double honor**, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine. (preaching and teaching) For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward.

Titus 1:5 – For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain (appoint) elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Commentary on this verse:

1:5-9 The character and qualification of pastors, here called elders and bishops, agree with what the apostle wrote to Timothy.

Sometimes Paul did not receive support and sometimes he did. He did receive support from the Philippians.

Philippians 4:16 – For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

I Corinthians 9:14 – Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

II Cor. 11:7-8 – Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

Gal. 6:6 – Let him that is taught in the Word communicate (distribute/give/share) unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Now I hope you can see in scripture that God set up tithing and offerings to support His ministers as well as His work and that carries through still today. If you do not want to give to your Pastor or don't think he or she should be supported then shame on you. Not only does God say they should be honored, but He says they are worthy of double honor. Now we know not everyone truly serving Him receives double honor, but be sure of this – they are worthy of it.



Think about this, think of the salaries we pay doctors and lawyers and those in government and then compare that to what some Pastors are getting paid. Why do we look down on them like they should be working for free? The gospel is freely given. We don't charge for that. But many have taken that verse about freely you have received so freely give to mean your Pastors should work for free. We were all given the great commission and we are to share with the lost freely. There are others who labor for the Lord in teaching and preaching and they are to be honored. Shame on us for having worldly minds in the church of God where a Pastor, a true Pastor striving to please God and feed His sheep and lambs is looked down upon in society and we think nothing of paying them scraps.

God will hold you accountable for where you pay your tithes and give your offerings. We must be good stewards of what God blesses us with. Take a good look at your church and your Pastor. If you don't think your Pastor is worthy of double honor, then ask yourself why? Is he or she being true and preaching a true Word and guiding everyone in love and pointing out their sin in love to save their souls from hell? Is the issue with them or is it with you?



Many American churches have Pastors flying around in jets or owning jets (plural as in more than one). Is that necessary?



Many Pastors here have a home like this or a home like this AND a vacation home too. Isn't this extravagant?



American churches are dripping with riches. But are they caring for others?



How many times have you been to Israel? This is at least around \$ 2000.00 or more per person. Some churches take this kind of trip every year and the same people go.



Landscaping costs a lot of money. Is all this really necessary?

Pay attention to what your church preaches and does not preach. Are they teaching truth, and teaching all of the Bible? Do they really help the poor and needy? Or is the Pastor taking much more than what is required to take care of him and his family comfortably? Is your church open about where the money goes?

GIVING IS SEWING SEED

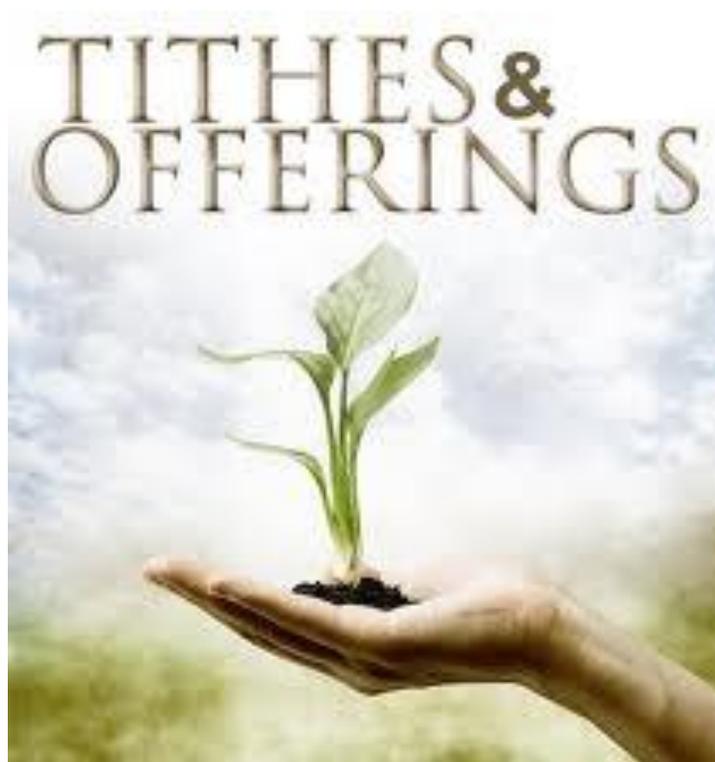
Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

*“Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”*

2 Corinthians 9:6



He's talking about money, the analogy is taken from agriculture. Give what you have decided in your heart to give.



In order to obtain the increase, you have to follow some basic rules. Choose good suitable soil, make proper preparation of the soil, and take proper care of the crop. A farmer can't throw his seed into the gutters in the street in town and expect it to grow. Christians are casting their seed in places where it will never grow.

****You are responsible for where you sew your seed just as where you give your tithe.****

You should pray over your giving.

What should we look at when we consider giving:

1. Is the ministry anointed and fruitful. Is it bringing forth real fruit for the Kingdom of God.
2. Is it ethical? Are they ethical in the way they appeal for money? Are they ethical in the way they handle money? Are they good and faithful stewards of the money in God's Kingdom?

3. Is it in line with scripture? Is what they are doing in obedience to scripture because God's blesses what is in line with His Word.

4. Are they prayerful, industrious and efficient? He hates waste and extravagance. We should not support this in any ministry.

Never give except after prayer. Avoid impulsive, emotional giving. People are exploiting God's people to get money. Maintain contact with whatever it is you are supporting, obtain reports, find out what's happening check on the fruit. Stay within the proportion of your faith and allow God to increase it in a natural way. If you've been thinking in terms of 10.00 think in terms of 50.00 and grow from there. Don't automatically jump to a 1000.00.

God will increase your store of seed. You will get bread for you to eat. You will get more seed to sew. You were giving 50, you will find you can now give 100. You will get an increased store for sewing – your barn will get bigger. You will get an increased harvest for your increased sewing.

The level of God's provision for His people is abundance.

2 Cor. 9:8 – And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Abound and all – key words. Abundance – comes from a latin word that speaks of a wave that over flows. Over flowing provision. You need 50.00 worth of groceries but you have 40.00. This is need. You need 50.00 worth of groceries and you have 50.00 – this is sufficient. You need 50.00 worth of groceries and you have 60.00 – this is abundance.

God wants you to have abundance because He loves us.

Acts 20:35 – I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

God wants everyone to be able to give. He wants everyone to receive the greater blessing of giving.

Nothing will change in your life if you don't put this teaching into action by faith. Faith without works is dead. You can believe this teaching but until you act on it, nothing will change.

Give first. Give and it shall be given to you. If you are not willing to act in faith, then you do not set in motion the processes that will bring God's prosperity into your life. This is exactly God, He is the opposite of what we think in the natural. In the natural we think, receive first and then we can give.

There is a time between sowing and reaping. Remember, after you sew your seed that it will take some time before the harvest comes up because the seed has to die first.

Gal.6:9 – And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Let us not become weary in doing good and this includes our money.

Then wait for God's appointed time for the harvest.

Tithing leads to God's goodness flowing in your life. Healing, miracles, healing in your marriage, a better job all of these things come from the hand of God.

When you honor God He will honor you. (1 Sam. 2:30)

I want to share one of the testimonies that God led the man who was in a no tithing season in his life. Remember God showed him that those who don't tithe are not worthy and wind up in hell. I remember what Pastor Parks shared, that we are building our own dwelling places in heaven and our tithes and offerings are part of what sends up the building materials.

4.) Choo Thomas – Heaven is So Real book

Choo was told by the Lord: "The only ones who will go there (Heaven) are the obedient and pure-hearted children. Tell my Children to preach the gospel. I am coming soon for those who are waiting and ready for Me." The Lord added "Those who don't Tithe are disobedient children"

"Should I tell this to anyone Lord?" Choo asked.

"I want you to tell it to everyone. Write down everything I show you and tell you" said the Lord. And ... "Any Christian who doesn't tithe will not be blessed because they love money more than My word. Those who love money more than My Word will never see my Kingdom. You already know where they will be at the end" said the Lord

Colossians 3:6 – For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

Moral laws or commands against such things as stealing, lying, adultery, idolatry, will always be wrong & punishable, and moral laws for things like putting God first, honoring your parents & tithing will always be required, as they reflect God's unchanging righteousness, and are repeated in the New Testament.

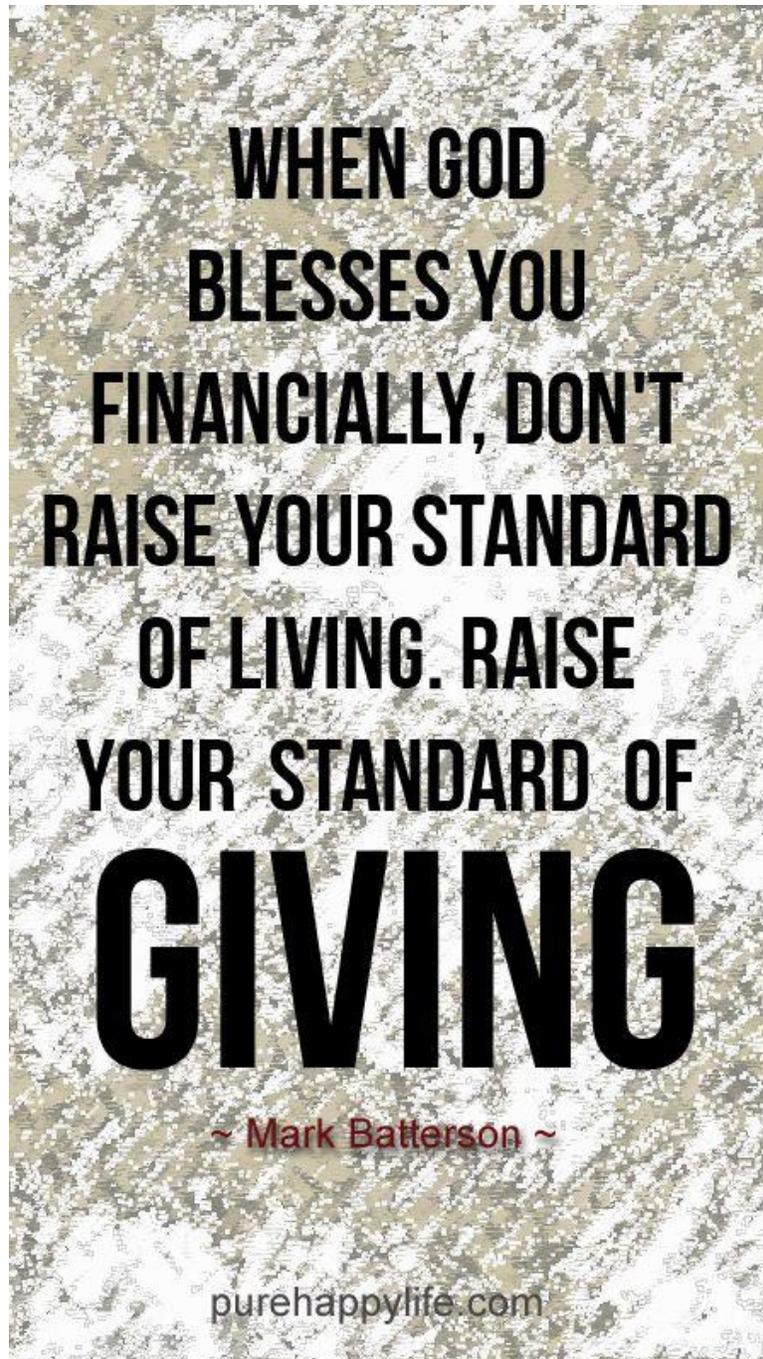
Heb. 7:8 - And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

So we can see that tithing has a continuous history from Abraham onwards: from Abraham to Jacob, to the nation of Israel, and then to Christians through the ministry of Jesus as our High Priest. According to Scripture, when we set aside our first tenth and offer our tithe to Jesus, we are actually acknowledging that Jesus is our High Priest according to the priesthood of Melchizedek. This is one of the ways we are able to honor Him and acknowledge Him as our High Priest."

We need to stop looking for loop holes to avoid paying tithes and fighting against what God has commanded us to do. We need to walk in obedience.



So tithing is a continuing moral command, a pre-law principle of putting God first, a part of honoring Jesus in His high priestly ministry in the order of Melchizedek. Jesus spoke to the Pharisees about tithing and Hebrews certainly shows us that Jesus is receiving our tithes currently today. I pray that you have a heart to obey.



So God pours out a blessing and you go buy a huge house or a fancy new car and get so in debt that you can barely keep your head above water. You can't help anyone else. Do you think you passed the test of being blessed financially? No.

CLOSING

THE COST OF CONTINUED DISOBEDIANCE

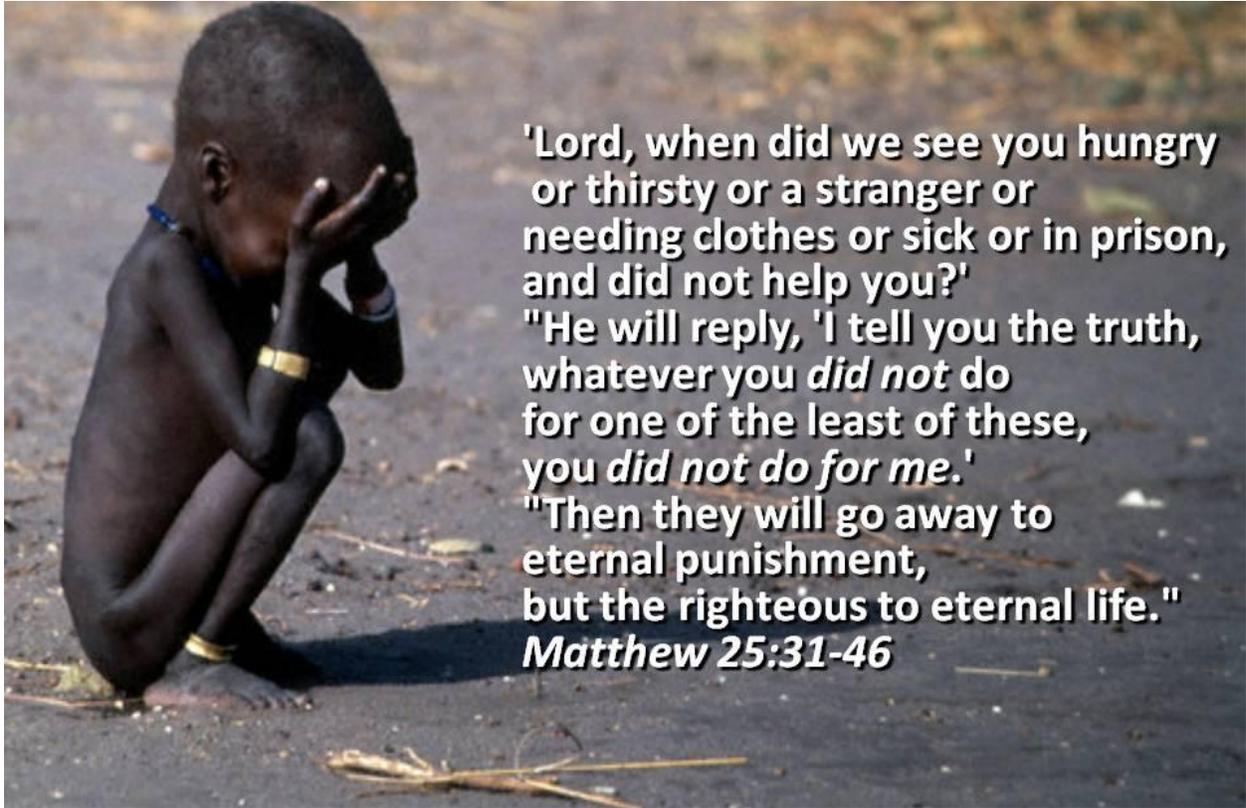
We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus which cannot be earned, but God's Word is also clear that many grace saved Christians will not make it to Heaven because of failing to repent, and continued disobedience & lawlessness in their lives. His word says those who name His name Must depart from iniquity, and that those who truly love Him are the ones who obey His commandments.

Matt.7:21-23 – Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. ***I never knew you. If you love Me you will obey Me. So not obeying shows Jesus you don't love Him and so He doesn't know you. Also, working iniquity is considered lawlessness, wickedness, unrighteousness.***

If you now realize you need to start tithing, confess your sin and repent today, and start giving your tithe (the first 10th or 10% of your income). If you are struggling financially, ask for His help, His grace is sufficient to help you find a way out of financial troubles and empower you to live obediently. We must also be willing to make sacrifices of other things to put God first with our money. If you're still wrestling with this issue, simply seek God with an open and humble heart and ask Him to reveal the 100% truth on the matter. He promised if you would ask, you will receive.

1 Cor. 6:10 – Nor thieves, or covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

Remember in Malachi 3:8 that God calls those who don't pay their tithes robbers. No thief will enter heaven.



'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you *did not* do for one of the least of these, you *did not do for me.*'"

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."
Matthew 25:31-46

PRAYER

****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>

Cherie Beltram on Tithes, Offerings and Giving

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>