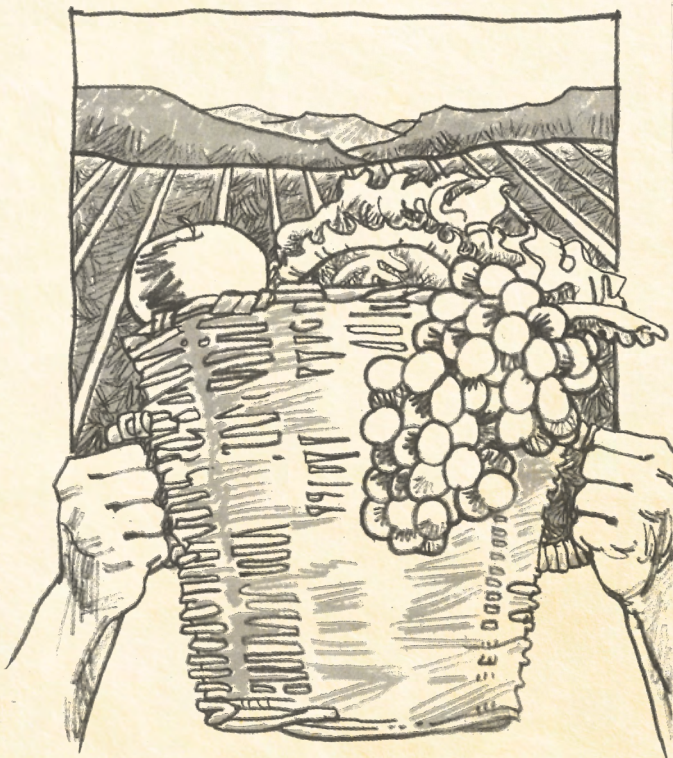
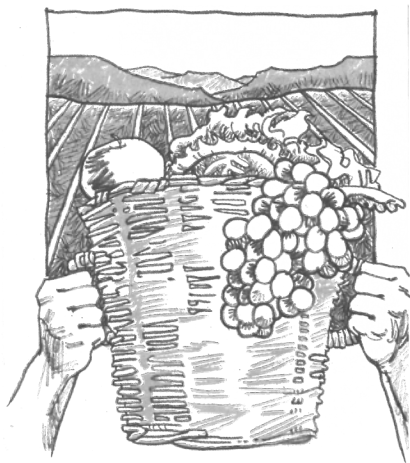


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Tithing is, of course, the most familiar financial subject to Christians. Nearly all of us are aware of the practice of tithing, but very few actually realize its true significance.

Tithing was a commandment of God to Israel that 10 percent of their firstfruits belonged to Him. When God told me to teach on this subject for the first time, He led me to Deuteronomy 26, where He first introduced it to Israel. Let's start with the first verse: "And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein...."

How does this relate to the Christian and our role under the New Covenant? The Word says in Colossians 1:13 that God has delivered us from the power of darkness *and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son*. As believers, we are now living in the kingdom of God—the land which the Lord our God has given us for an inheritance. We have entered into our inheritance through Jesus Christ and possess it in His Name. We have title deed to this Kingdom through faith in Him. The authority has been given to us, and God is showing us how to exercise our tithing privileges in order to maintain control efficiently in the financial world.

Deuteronomy 26:2-3 says, “Thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God

giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there. And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days....”

Who is the priest today? Hebrews 3:1 says that Jesus is our High Priest. Hebrews 7:8, speaking of Jesus, says that He receives our tithes personally. Deuteronomy 26:3 continues to instruct the children of Israel what to say to the priest: “And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come into the country which the Lord sware unto our fathers for to give us.”

The children of Israel were to go to the priest and say something as they presented their tithes. Therefore, we are to go to our High Priest

with our tithes and say to Him, “I profess this day unto the Lord God, that I am come into the inheritance which the Lord swore to give me.” This is a very important point in the tithing procedure: *Make a confession before your High Priest.*

Verse 4 says, “And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord thy God.” Can you see where we have been missing it? We quickly drop our tithe money into the offering plate as it passes by, or stuff it into an envelope without a thought. Instead, as this verse says, we are to present it to Jesus our High Priest, who, in turn, will set it before the heavenly altar of God.

Then in verses 5-10, the Lord builds Israel a confession, telling of His mighty works in their lives and

of delivering them from bondage in Egypt. At this point, as Christians under the New Covenant, we need to switch our position.

Instead of being in bondage in Egypt, we were sinners in the world in bondage to satan, before we made Jesus the Lord of our lives. So our confession before our High Priest should be something like this: “I am now in the land which You, Lord, have provided for me in Jesus Christ, the kingdom of Almighty God. I was a sinner serving satan. I called upon the Name of Jesus, and You heard my cry. You delivered me from the power and authority of darkness—translated me into the kingdom of Your dear Son. Jesus, You are my Lord, and I bring the firstfruits of my labors to You as my High Priest. I worship You with it. I rejoice in all the good

which You have given to me and my household.”

All of this is involved in tithing. You can readily see that it can't be done in the few seconds before the plate is passed in church. It must be done with purpose. But I guarantee, it is worth every minute! My wife and I write our tithe checks, hold them before God, and take the time to pray over them. Our money then becomes a tool used in worshipping God.

Verse 10 says that the High Priest will set the tithes before God and worship Him with them. Can you grasp the fact that our High Priest, the resurrected Jesus, is worshipping God with your money? Praise God! That's quite a picture!

There is another part of this confession, from verses 14-15, which is

very important: "...I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey."

By contrast, many Christians have thought, *I'll just keep giving, and maybe one of these days, God will notice it and bless me.* This is wrong. The blessing of God is received by faith in His Word. It does not come automatically, just as salvation does not come automatically. You wouldn't say to someone, "Well, just go to church and God will save you one of these days, if you're fortunate!"

No, the laws governing salvation must be acted on in order for them

to work in your life. *Prosperity comes the same way.* As we can see in Malachi 3:10-11, God has promised the tither that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive!

In Malachi 3:10, God Himself is speaking. He says, “Prove me in this.” This is the only time in the Word where God instructs us to prove Him, and it is the one area where most people have withdrawn from proving God. They want God to prove that He heals and saves, and that He is alive. But when it comes to finances, they back off and say, “Now, I wouldn’t want to tell God to bless me financially.”

However, the truth is that this verse says, “...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.”

Notice that He said, “Prove me *now*.” So, start tithing *now*. God is ready to move in your finances, *now*. You wait...He waits.

A number of years ago, when I first began studying tithing, the phrase “windows of heaven” kept coming into my thinking. The phrase *windows of heaven* actually means “floodgates.” It is the same word used in Genesis 7:11 where God opened the “windows of heaven” and flooded the earth. God does not use empty figures of speech. He means what He says. He will open the “floodgates” of heaven and pour out an abundant blessing on the tither, through the same gates by which the great Flood came.

Someone might say, “Well, if that is the case, why do many people tithe and yet never receive the promised flood of blessings?” Let’s see what else God has to say about tithing and receiving in return. Malachi 3:13-15, says:

Your words have been strong and hard against Me, says the Lord. Yet you say, What have we spoken against You? You have said, It is useless to serve God, and what profit is it if we keep His ordinances and walk gloomily and as if in mourning apparel before the Lord of hosts? And now we consider the proud and arrogant to be happy and favored; evildoers are exalted and prosper; yes, and when they test God, they

escape [unpunished] (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The Israelites' words were stout against God. They confessed lack and want. They confessed that evildoers were more prosperous than them, and that their evil deeds went unpunished. In other words, they were saying, "We have been obedient to God, but how have we profited from it?"

This is still true today. Many Christians never speak their redemption when they tithe. Therefore, their tithe never produces. Sometimes, the stout words go unnoticed. For example, when a situation comes up where you need extra finances, without realizing it you say, "Well, I don't know where I'm going to get the money. I just

don't have it." Your words are stout against God.

Psalm 107:2 says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." You are the redeemed of the Lord! Keep your profession of faith in line with the Word of God. Give God the opportunity to pour you out a blessing. Take Him at His Word, and prove Him. Then, walk in the abundance that is rightfully yours as a tither! Notice in Deuteronomy 26, how many times the Word says, "Say before the Lord."

The money or gift is the tithe. Tithing is done with words.

You have been given certain rights and privileges as a tither. Malachi 3:11 states one of them. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...." If you are in a financial situation that looks bad, come against

satan according to this scripture. Use your privileges as a tither to combat and defeat him. Speak the word of faith and rebuke the devourer.

When you tithe, you are laying the foundation for financial success and abundance. You are establishing deposits with God that can be used when you need them.

Don't wait until your back is against the wall before you use your faith in this area. Build your faith first, when things are going well. Learn to act on the Word now. When satan tries to pin you against the wall, you can smile and know that you have it made. According to what God has said in Malachi 3:11, satan's power over you financially has been stopped!

When you stand on the covenant

of God and exercise your rights as a tither, satan has no chance against you. God will rebuke the devourer for your sake. If your back is against the wall financially now, *don't wait to begin tithing*. You cannot afford to wait! The tithe belongs to God in the first place. Verses 8-9 say, "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...."

So, start tithing now! Remember, He said, "Prove Me NOW." If you don't have any money, find something you do have and give it today. There is no faster and surer way to bring the blessings of God on the scene than when you tithe. When money comes into your hands, *immediately* take God's tithe out *first* and

present it to Him. Proverbs 3:9-10 says, “Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the first fruits of all your income; so shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Deuteronomy 8:18 says that God gives us the power to get wealth. And Proverbs 10:22 says that the blessing of the Lord makes rich. In tithing, God is giving you 90 percent and only receiving from you 10 percent for His work in the earth. What a generous proposition! He even uses His 10 percent to *provide ministry for you*: “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the

ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12).

You can't out-give God! He gives back His 10 percent to see to it that you are perfected, equipped and edified.

My dad was a tither. Wherever the Lord instructed him to tithe, that is where he put it. He was a giver, as well. He was always giving to someone.

He and my mother worked hard for what they have. When they got married, they agreed to tithe on every dollar they received all of their lives. And they kept that agreement. When I began learning about tithing, I said to the Lord, “My dad has tithed since I've known him. By rights, he should be a very rich man, according to Your Word. I have read that when

we tithe, You open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that can't be contained. Where is Dad's blessing?"

The Lord replied, *It is still out there. Your father never tipped the bucket very much.*

Dad was bringing his tithe as God had said, but he was not believing for the return on it. He was not "saying before the Lord." He had let it build up in heaven, but he was not receiving the benefit of it here on earth. When I talked with him about it, he replied that he did not want to tell God to bless him. All this time, he had been giving the tithe, but he had never given it according to the Word of God. He had not been *tithing* his tithe—he had not professed with his mouth the return on his tithe as God instructed.

When he learned how to put into practice the principles of God's financial system, he began to receive. He was better off financially in his retirement than when he was working so hard. His company retirement plan was good, but God's system of finances is so much better. It doesn't matter how high inflation goes, God will always have more than enough!

One question that comes into the minds of many tithers is, "Where should God's tithe be placed?" Some think only their church should receive tithes. This would be true if their church were the source of their spiritual food and growth. The Word says to bring the tithes into the *storehouse* so there would be *meat* in His house. A storehouse is where the food is. I know thousands of people attending churches of all denominations who

receive no spiritual food whatsoever from their churches. How could that be a storehouse?

Deuteronomy 26:14 says, “I have not eaten of the tithe...nor given any of it to the dead. I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

I would not consider putting God's tithe into a dead work. If you want to put money into a church that is not ministering to the needs of the people, then put your money into it. But it is important to put God's money, the tithe, into a storehouse that is feeding the life of God to the people. Many churches and foundations have been deceived by satan into unknowingly becoming his reservoirs to keep finances out

of the revival that is in the earth today.

To settle this question, since the tithe is God's money to begin with, and since Jesus is the One who handles and receives our tithes, pray and let Him tell you where it should be put to work. I realize this is not too popular with some church doctrines, but nevertheless, it is accurate.

Jesus is Lord over all the affairs of the Body of Christ! He is certainly Lord and Director of the finances. He is fair and just in the distribution of God's tithe. When a church sees to it that the people are fed, that church will receive its portion. When an evangelist sees to it that the people are fed, Jesus will minister to him his portion of God's tithe. All the different ministries qualify to receive from Jesus more than enough to fill

their particular calling *when they feed God's people.*

Gloria and I have learned so much since we began tithing. The Word of God is very clear concerning tithing and the benefits that belong to the tither. I have shared with you some of the insights I have gained from the Word.

Here are some thoughts from Gloria on tithing. As you read, allow the Spirit of God to minister to you:

Many churches don't say much about tithing. You may have been raised in a church that didn't, but when you begin desiring to walk in God's prosperity, it is imperative that you start out with the first step, which is tithing. Tithing is the foundation of prosperity.

I can remember in Ken's and my own experience, we knew it was right to tithe. But we were so broke that we just didn't do it very well. We would tithe a few times, and then we would let it get behind. Then, we would try to catch up.

As long as we did that, we never enjoyed prosperity. But when we made a determination to tithe because that's what is in the Word, and do that first, then we began walking in the blessings of God.

The Bible teaches that the tithe is God's money. You're not giving it to Him—that 10 percent is already His. But, He is going to turn around and spend His 10 percent on you! That's just like Him, isn't it?

He's going to put it into the ministry to keep feeding you the Word so that you can be strong and victorious.

Kenneth and I decided that giving our tithe would come first, regardless. Until you do that, you are just trying to believe God without any basis for prosperity. Remember, tithing is the foundation for prosperity. Everyone we have known personally, and people we have talked to and witnessed to on prosperity, have seen their finances begin to change when they made the determination to tithe, regardless.

I know that many people are having problems with money. Money is tight. Things are costing more than what

people have. This is the time when we have to walk on the principles of God in prosperity if we are going to have our needs met.

Don't let the devil talk you out of tithing. Do that first, regardless, and you will find that you will supernaturally have the money you need to do the other things. If you let the devil talk you out of it, he will keep you under his thumb financially.

Tithe first, and be diligent with it. Go to the scripture in Malachi where it talks about the blessings of the tither. Don't let your husband talk you out of tithing. Don't let your wife talk you out of tithing. I'm telling you, tithing is imperative if

you want the financial blessings of God in your life. Tithe, and do it in faith.

The Word says in Malachi 3:10, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*: “Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now....” In the area of tithing, you can prove God. When you do, you will see a change in your finances. But you will never see it if you just tithe every once in a while.

Make tithing a dedication to God, and treat His 10 percent properly.

Go before Him, hold your tithe up to Him, and worship Him with it. Say, “I bring this

to You, Father, in the Name of Jesus. I bring this tithe into the storehouse. I worship You with it. Now, I believe, as Your Word says, that You will open up the windows of heaven and pour me out a blessing that there's not room enough to receive. I believe that. I receive it!"

Now that's a big blessing! God's Word is on the line regarding tithing. What He said in His Word, He will do for you because you are a tither!

Once again—tithing is not something that can be done in a few seconds before the plate is passed in church. It must be done on purpose. Hold your tithe before God, and take the time to pray and confess God's Word over it.

Gloria and I have formed a confession based on Deuteronomy 26, as a guide for you to use in praying over your tithes. It is our confession of redemption equivalent to Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Israel pointed to Egypt, but we point to Calvary.

Say this when you hold up your tithe before God:

“We profess this day unto the Lord God that we have come into the inheritance which the Lord swore to give us. We are in the land which You, Lord, have provided for us in Jesus Christ—the kingdom of Almighty God.

“We were sinners serving satan. But we called on the Name of Jesus, and You heard our cry and delivered us into

the kingdom of Your dear Son. Jesus, as our Lord and High Priest, we bring the firstfruits of our income to You and worship the Lord our God with it.

“We rejoice in all the good things which You have given to us and our household. We have hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God and have done according to all that You have commanded us. Now look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless us as You said in Your Word. We thank You, Father, in Jesus’ Name.”

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. I repent of sin. I renounce it. I renounce the devil and everything he stands for. Jesus is my Lord.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm

also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

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