



Tithes

Main idea Tithing honors God and unlocks His blessing into our lives.

Warm-up Describe your most valued possession.
Is it worth a lot of money or does it have sentimental value?

introduction

Since money has become a universal trading commodity, it has also become a universal concern for people everyday. Students ask for allowance from their parents, while professionals and business people work to earn a living.

People nowadays try hard to be creative in earning money:

1. boy offers to wipe your car's windshield during traffic
2. Dog begging for money (you see it in Espana)
3. "Buhat boys" during the rainy season and flooding in Espana

Some people value money so much that they work so hard to fatten up their bank accounts.

But is life all about earning money only?

Message

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:10

The Israelites had a wonderful relationship with God for hundreds of years, but after returning to their homeland following a 70-year exile, everything began to change. Their devotion to God waned and they started to think of themselves and their needs more than God.

Tithing is one area in their relationship with God that they neglected. A tithe represents the first 10 percent or what was called the "firstfruits". People give the first 10 percent of their earning to God, not because God is in need of our money, but because it shows that we acknowledge Him as the source of our finances.

God laid down this principle for us to follow. And if we indeed, follow it, will bring us "in the zone" of God's provision.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Most of all, tithing brings honor to God; at the same time, it brings us to the "zone" where God could unleash His abundant provision into our lives.

challenge

***Choose to honor God with your "firstfruit".
Step into the zone of His blessing.***

Application Question

What specific lesson did you learn from today's topic and how do you intend to apply it in your life?