

GoDeeper



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

Read the following scriptures:

1 John 3:16-17

Acts 20:35

What does it mean that God does not abide with that person?

Can you think of other scriptures (or teachings) that parallel these?

Is Giving the only one of the Matthew Chapter 6 disciplines that benefits the giver and the recipient?

Hebrews 13:16

Why do you think that, “such sacrifices are pleasing to God”?

Proverbs 11:24-25

Is this a Promise or a Principle?

Why does this NOT mean that giving will result in financial reward?

Who will likely try to manipulate others with this text?

Tithes and Offerings:

Genesis 14:18-20 – Abram Tithes

Genesis 28:16-22 – Jacob Tithes

Deuteronomy 14 – Tithe System in Israel

Numbers 18

Leviticus 27

Malachi 3:6-12 – Most well-known Tithe Passage

Tithes are the commitment of 10% of one’s resources to the church. Offerings are any contributions above the tithe. Bringing the “whole tithe into the storehouse,” is what causes God to honor His ‘test’.

Have you seen God prove faithful if you have “tested Him” in obedience to tithing?

Giving as a Means of Grace in the Church:

“Therefore, giving blesses the recipient in that his or her needs are met, and faith and thanksgiving for God’s provision are increased; it blesses the giver because “God loves a cheerful giver” and will grant an abundant spiritual harvest, and brings blessing to all who know about it since it produces a harvest of “many thanksgivings to God”. Rather than seeing giving as an unpleasant obligation, we should do well to view it as a rich means of grace within the church, and to expect that through it the Holy Spirit will bring blessing.”
– Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

What are some guaranteed blessings for the recipient of generosity?

What are some guaranteed blessings for the giver of generosity?

Read Matthew 23:23:

What is meant by straining out a gnat but swallowing a camel?

Does Jesus affirm the tithe here?

Roughly 25% of what Jesus talks about involves money, and on over 2,000 instances does scripture reference money. Why do you think the church talks little about the subject?

Will God accomplish His work without your money?

What will NOT happen without your generous contributions?

Is it harder to trust someone with your soul or with your money? Why do so many of us get this backwards?