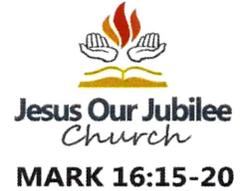




SOWING SEEDS for the *Kingdom*



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3 John 1:2 (KJV)

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

As we go about our daily lives, I am sure that you have noticed that it seems like everything has gone up. Whether it be gas, food, transportation or housing and the list could go on and on.

Many people are struggling today, having to make choices between what to buy and what to not buy, and even though sometimes there is a drop in prices, such as gas, milk or bread it seems like prices go up on some other item of necessity.

The Word of God teaches us that we as believers are to prosper, I believe that true BIBLE PROSPERITY is having more than enough to meet your need and enough left over to help others, let me share another Scripture with you:

Proverbs 10:22 (KJV)

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

I realize that there appear to be certain ministries that the media quite often attacks in the area of extravagance...and maybe rightly so. I personally am not familiar with all of the facts, so I do not know where their hearts are. I have to do my best to have a good report (1st Timothy 3:7).

I believe that the ROOT behind all of this inflation is the ENEMY trying to keep the Gospel from being preached throughout the whole world like we are commanded.

IT IS A CONSPIRACY!

Now that I have your attention, I want to help clear up some misunderstandings in the Body Of Christ concerning money issues that I believe has been injurious to spreading the Kingdom of God.

Since some of you have been receiving “Sowing Seeds.” for quite sometime, I believe you realize that I never try and push you to send money. My goal has always been and still is to help you gain some understanding of your calling that is in Christ Jesus, so that you can grow up into Him in all areas of your life.

Having said that, one area of neglect in most circles is the “taboo” of talking about money in the Church.

We have all heard the “cliches” “All that preacher wants is your money.” Or “That Church, all that they want is your money.” And of course other negative references to money in connection to the Church.

Let me ask you a question, if I did a teaching on healing, what would be The purpose? Or if I did a teaching on deliverance, what would be the purpose? If I did a teaching on love and peace, what would be the purpose?

Of course, if you will be totally honest, you would realize that I would teach you on healing...to get healing to you. I would teach on deliverance...to get you delivered. I would teach on love and peace...to get love and peace to you.

Then it would stand to reason that if I teach you on the subject of money, it would be the same objective...to get money to you!

I believe that the enemy has caused confusion and misunderstanding in the Body of Christ concerning tithes and offerings (giving) to hinder the spreading of the Gospel.

So, let’s start by looking at the Word of God and see what the Word says about the subject.

Some have said that we don’t need to tithe today because Jesus never addressed the subject. So, if Jesus didn’t consider tithing important, then neither should we.

If these individuals were correct (according to the Word of God) then the reasoning would be correct....however, Jesus did speak about the tithe, and He was very clear about it.

Matthew 23:23 (KJV)

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Notice that Jesus not only mentioned the tithe, but He affirmed it. Assumptions can be problematical and even dangerous some times. People often make decisions that affect their spiritual life...sometimes even life or death decisions...based on information that isn't truth. Jesus said in **John 8:32 (KJV)**

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The TRUTH that you KNOW will **MAKE** you free, "make you free" is a process of growing in your understanding...a process not an event.

The Word of God **MUST** be the **FINAL AUTHORITY**, and anything that does not align with the Word is false and falsehood leads to bondage and destruction. The TRUTH brings freedom and deliverance.

At the time Jesus spoke these words, (Matt. 23) the religious leaders were failing in the areas of justice, mercy and faithfulness. Jesus **CORRECTED** them for neglecting these important matters.

Notice what He did not do...He did **NOT** tell them to stop tithing. In fact, He said they should continue. He affirmed that tithing was good and right, even as He called them to a deeper obedience of the heart.

Therefore, since Jesus did mention tithing and said it was a good thing to do, and told the scribes and Pharisees they should continue to tithe...then we should tithe!

So, exactly what is a tithe? The word "tithe" simply means one-tenth or 10%. Scripture teaches that the **TITHE BELONGS TO GOD!** It is not ours!

The tithe belongs to God (like the tree in the Garden). It is not ours. It never has been and it will never be. Because it belongs to Him; it should not be treated as part of our personal budget. It is not ours to allocate. It is His. According to the Bible, to use the tithe for personal expenses is stealing from God.

Malachi 3:8 (KJV)

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

This is strong language. According to God's word using the tithe for personal purposes is stealing from God. That alone should make us pause and reflect.

The bottom line is this. Jesus said tithing is good. The Word of God says the tithe belongs to God. And Scripture commands us not to withhold it.

If you are a tither, be encouraged...you are being obedient to God. If you are not, I encourage you to begin today. Tithing advances the Kingdom of God, strengthens the local Church, and positions you to receive the blessings and harvest that God promises to those who honor Him with their first and best.

There is a Scripture that I have heard quoted that says that you don't have to tithe, you just need to give as you believe in your heart. Here is the Scripture:

2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV)

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Remember, the Word says that the TITHE BELONGS TO GOD. You cannot give what you don't own, so your Biblical Giving doesn't begin until after you pay the tithe.

Because it would take many, many pages to go into more detail about tithes and offerings, I have included with this letter a study guide that will help you gain revelation knowledge of the Word on tithes and your giving. Believe it, receive it and act on it.

Malachi 3:8-10 (KJV)

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 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.

Kathy and I are so grateful for your faithfulness in giving of prayers and offerings to help us spread the Kingdom of God throughout the whole Earth. SHALOM!

KATHY AND I DECREE YOU BLESSED IN JESUS NAME!

Pastor Dave and Kathy

Matthew 6:33

You are loved. You are welcome. You belong.

THE TITHE

DEFINITION: Webster's 'pay or give a tenth part'

Hebrew: 'ma'aser' Strong's #4643 which means 'a tenth' (10%)

Greek: 'apodekatoo' Strong's #586 which means 'to give or take a tenth'

Scripture: **Gen. 14:20** same account in N.T. **Hebrews 7:2**

Websters, Greek and Hebrew words, and the Word: tithe means 10%

GENERAL INFORMATION: Lev. 27:30 (Holy means sacred and set apart for God's use) 'IT IS THE LORD'S'

Mat.23:23 Jesus: 'you should tithe'

IMPORTANCE: Keep windows open: **Mal. 3:10**; obedient to Jesus **Mat.23:23** ;

Prove yourself a faithful steward: **Luke 16:11**; tithers to be blessed: **Pro. 3:9-10**;

TITHING HISTORY: tithing was not a part of the Mosaic law that Jesus did away with because tithing did not come into existence with the law. Tithing was incorporated into the law.

BEFORE THE LAW: Gen. 2:15-17 (types and shadows); **Gen. 4:4** Abel brought best first! **Gen. 14:20** Abraham gave Melchisedec.

PART OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: Lev. 27:30; 2nd Chron. 31:4-5; Mal.3:10

PART OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: Mat. 23:23; Luke 11:42 (same account); **Heb. 7:8** the Greek word for "here" means: "right now where I stand." Scholars agree that the time Paul spoke of was 65A.D. 32years into the NT era.

MECHANICS FOR TITHING: Lev.27:30; Pro.3:9 (tithe ALL of increase); **Mal.3:10**; **1st Timothy 3:15** (bring tithe to His house); **Deut.26:10** (worship Him with tithe).

PURPOSE FOR TITHING: Mal.3:10(guarantees sufficient supply in God's house..the Church). **2nd Chron.31:4** (allows pastor to spend time in Word)

Mat. 6:21 firmly attaches your heart to God's house (treasure follows heart)

PROVISION FOR TITHERS:Mal.3:10(opens windows of heaven);(guarantees blessings); **2nd Cor. 9:6** tithing makes the multiplication of your OFFERINGS possible; offerings ONLY OCCUR after first 10% (tithe) is given to God.

CAN'T GIVE SOMETHING THAT ISN'T YOURS! "purpose in his heart let him GIVE" (2nd Cor. 9:7) (Deut.26:1-11 tithing?)