

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 16

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING

This is a topic that has offended so many people throughout the years. This may be the number one topic over which people have stopped going to church. And yet, someone discovered the 25% of the verses in the Bible mention money, riches, treasures or a form of these words and substance. If this is a topic that is mentioned in 1 out of every 4 verses in the Bible, it might be a good idea to understand what God has to say about it.

1) GOD OWNS ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD.

Haggai 2:6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

2) GOD OWNS THE EARTH.

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

3) GOD OWNS EVERYTHING ON THE EARTH.

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4) EVERYTHING WE HAVE OR ARE IS BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS.

Psalms 33:1 ¶ Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

5) WE ARE STEWARDS OF WHAT GOD OWNS.

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

6) STEWARDS ARE REQUIRED TO BE FAITHFUL IN THE HANDLING OF ANOTHER'S POSSESSIONS.

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

7) TO BE A GIVER IS TO BE LIKE GOD.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

8) WHEN YOU DO GIVE, GOD RECIPRICATES IN KIND.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2 Corinthians 9:6 ¶ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

9) WHEN YOU GIVE TO GOD AND HIS WORK, YOU ARE INVESTING IN ETERNITY.

Matthew 6:19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

10) YOUR HEART WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW WHERE AND TO WHOM YOU GIVE.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

11) GIVING TO GOD AND THE WORK OF GOD IS A LIFE WORTH LIVING.

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

12) THERE ARE FOUR CATEGORIES OF GIVING MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE.

A. TITHING

1. GOD COMMANDS US TO BRING HIS TITHE TO HIS HOUSE.

Malachi 3:8 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.

2. ABRAHAM TITHED BEFORE MOSES WROTE THE LAW.

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

3. IN THE LAW GOD TELLS US THAT THE TITHE IS THE LORDS.

Leviticus 27:30 And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.

4. WE SHOULD TITHE THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL OUR INCREASE.

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

5. JESUS TOLD PEOPLE NOT TO LEAVE THE TITHE UNDONE.

Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe 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.

6. WE WILL TITHE IN HEAVEN.

Hebrews 7:5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

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

It is foolish to think that somehow in the church age God doesn't expect us to tithe when people tithed before the church age and we will tithe for all eternity in Heaven, after the church age.

B. OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

The first 10% of all that we have belongs to the Lord. The 90% left over is in our disposal to do with as we wish, never anything sinful however. This is where the offerings come from. This should be given of our freewill.

Ezra 7:16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

C. SACRIFICIAL

1. ALL YOUR LIVING (PAYCHECK).

Mark 12:41 ¶ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

2. ALL OF WHAT YOU SELL OR DONATE.

Acts 4:32 ¶ And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

D. ALMS

Matthew 6:1 ¶ Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

This is giving privately to those who are in need.

13) GRACE GIVING IS ALWAYS GIVING OVER AND ABOVE THE TITHE.

2 Corinthians 8:1 ¶ Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 ¶ Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

14) GIVING PROVES THE SINCERITY OF YOUR LOVE.

2 Corinthians 8:8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

15) GOD WANTS US TO GIVE WITH A CHEERFUL HEART.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

16) THE BLESSINGS OF GOD WILL BE Poured OUT ON YOUR LIFE IF YOU ARE A FAITHFUL AND OBEДИENT GIVER.

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11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

A. NOT BE CURSED.

B. MORE BLESSINGS THAN ABLE TO RECEIVE.

C. REBUKE THE DEVOURER.

D. FRUITFUL IN DUE SEASON

E. BE A TESTIMONY TO OTHERS OF GOD'S GOODNESS.

F. HAVE A JOYFUL LIFE.