

God's Giving Paradigm

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Giving is for our benefit, not God's. We are made in God's likeness and image. Giving is the principle expression of the nature of God. We don't give to fund God's work, gain God's approval, or pay Him back, but rather to reflect His Image in us.

Most Christians never enter into God's giving paradigm.

Leviticus 27:30 - A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

There is a progression to giving that all Christians can find themselves on.

1. FIRST TIME – I have not yet begun to enter God's stewardship plan for His money.
2. OCCASIONAL – I have started the journey of God's stewardship plan for His money.
3. INTENTIONAL – I am accelerating toward God's stewardship plan for His money.
4. TITHING – I have entered God's stewardship plan and I bring 10% of my income to my church.
5. GIVING – I choose to give offerings to Kingdom Builders above the tithe.
6. GRACE OF GIVING – I have a calling to give extravagantly above the tithe to Kingdom Builders.

The lesser is blessed by the greater.

Galatians 3:29 - If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 4:12 - walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had

Hebrews 7:1-8 - This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth or a tithe of everything. First, his name means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace." Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever. Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth or a tithe of the plunder! Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people — that is, their brothers — even though their brothers are descended from Abraham. This man, however, did not

trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater. In the one case, the tithe is collected by men who die; but in the other case, the tithe is collected by him who is declared to be living.

Keeping the dime is saying that the dime is the greater and you expect to live a blessed life from the monetary value of a dime. Where you put your dime is declaring where you place your trust and your heart.

Malachi 3:10-11 - 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. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.

Like Melchizedek, our High Priest (Jesus) has 2 roles – to receive the tithe and to bless the faithful steward.