

God's Giving Paradigm

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Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.

Why did God invent giving? Giving is for our benefit, not God's. It's impossible to live a fully surrendered life toward God and humanity without having a fully surrendered heart toward giving and generosity.

We are made in God's likeness and image. Giving is the principle expression of the nature of God (John 3:16). Giving isn't a responsibility or a burden; it's a privilege. Apart from being a GIVER, we cannot fulfill God's full plan for our lives. Tithing and giving keeps God first in our hearts and lives.

Matthew 6:19-21 - Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Our response to tithing and giving reveals our hearts.

Luke 16:10-14 - "Whoever can be trusted with very little (money) can also be trusted with much (people), and whoever is dishonest with very little (money) will also be dishonest with much (people). So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches (people)? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property (the tithe), who will give you property of your own? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Tithing and giving require faith. Jesus said it's more blessed to give than to receive. Tithing and giving is God's way to prosper us and to use us for His glory.

Galatians 6:7 - Don't be under any illusion: You cannot make a fool out of God! A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows or gives!

Malachi 3:10 - 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.

Laboring together with God is a life of overflow! As a Kingdom Builder, God has called you to be a part of a great awakening.