

## More Money

Principles for accessing His **Generosity** (continued)

### 2. Generosity

the Tithe is God's portion

(Lev 27:30, 32) And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD. And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

(Mal 3:8-12) "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

Tithe was more about National Witness than Individual Prosperity.

Tithe was more about **Faith** than finances. (giving prerequisite to blessing)

Tithe was more about **Honor** than finances.

(Gen 14:18-20/Heb 7:1-10, Mal 1:6-12, Hag 1:1-11)

Tithe barely mentioned in NT – not under law (Galatians) so not required

Tithe predates law – so does circumcision (greater requirement Rom 2:28-29, Col 2:11)

Better Covenant with same (greater?) requirements of **Faith & Honor**

from Law of Tithe to Law of Sowing and Reaping (**Generosity**)

(Lk 6:38) Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

(2Co 9:5-13) <sup>5</sup>Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. <sup>6</sup>But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

I Encourage Tithing as a Starting Point in a Better Covenant (Qualifiers)

could go straight to Acts 4:32-37 standard - carried away? – also not required (Acts 5:1-11)

(Ga 3:23-26) <sup>23</sup>But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. <sup>26</sup>For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

we have Grown Up into Greater Responsibility (Sons in family business)

(Ga 5:18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

free from law's constraint to Follow His Spirit (greater responsibility)

### 3. **Faithfulness** - it's all God's, we are Stewards (not just of money)

(Lk 16:10-13) <sup>10</sup>“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. <sup>11</sup>“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? <sup>12</sup>“And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

God wants to Reward your Stewardship of the Resources He's given you. (your own)

Money is the “first grade” of Faithfulness. What are True Riches?

Parable of Talents (Mt 25) - Ruler over many things

Parable of Minas (Lk 19) - Authority over cities