

A hand holding several gold coins, with the word "TITHING" in large, stylized letters in the background. The background is a warm, golden glow with bokeh light effects.

TITHING

Review of the Series PT. 2

God uses money / worldly wealth as a test of our heart:

(1) To see what who/what we actually serve
/ are loyal to,

(2) And to find out what we Love.

(Luke 16:13)

What do we need to watch out for?

1 Timothy 6:3-10 (NIV)

3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions

5 and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

1 Timothy 6:5 (AMP)

5 ...who imagine that godliness or righteousness is a source of profit [a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood]. From such withdraw.

We don't live for God because it's a way to get rich / make money.

- Matthew 6:33 - Seek the Kingdom.....
(not riches / money)

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

We must learn to be content with our needs being met. (v. 8)

- (v. 6) - "Contentment" > (G841)

"from 842; self-satisfaction, i.e. (abstractly) contentedness, or (concretely) a competence:--contentment, sufficiency"

- > Feel good about what you have / where you're at.
- > Not DRIVEN to get more.

- (v. 8) - "Content" > (G714)

"apparently a primary verb (but probably akin to 142 through the idea of raising a barrier); properly, to ward off, i.e. (by implication) to avail (figuratively, be satisfactory):--be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient."

- (v. 8) - "If we have food and clothing"
(Needs being met)

> Learn to be content with that.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Get this: the Excessive / Insatiable desire for wealth or profit

IS THE ROOT of ALL EVILS!!!

> What is Excessive / Insatiable?

Hint: When do we have enough??

How much do we need until we have enough??

"Eager" (KJV - "Covet") - G 1375

"middle voice of apparently a prolonged form of an obsolete primary (compare 3735); to stretch oneself, i.e. reach out after (long for):-
-covet after, desire.

"Love of Money".

- "Love" - (G5365 - "Avarice - Love of Money")

> "excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or profit"

The Love of Money - described several ways here:

1. Lack of contentment - financially.
(v. 6)
2. Wanting / Desiring to get rich. (v. 9)
(Remember: 2 Cor. 9:11 says giving will make us rich, but it's not supposed to be our motive for giving. It is the result of giving, and it will vary by person.)

3. Eager for money. (v. 10)

> We can't have these qualities & Love /
Serve God. (Luke 16:13)

One of the greatest things to watch out for is
that the Blessing doesn't become a love of
money inside of us.

Because this is what God is watching:

- Does money / wealth have you, or do you have it?
(Which one is really in control?)

1 Timothy 6:11-16 (NKJV)

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 Urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NKJV)

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches (Gr. - "Wealth") but in the living God, who gives us richly (Gr. - "Copiously / Abundantly") all things to enjoy.

18 Let them do good, that they be rich (Gr. - "Wealthy") in good works, ready to give, willing to share[4.1], 19storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (cf. - Matthew 6:19-21)

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (AMP)

17 As for the rich (Gr. - "Wealthy") in this world, charge them not to be proud and arrogant and contemptuous of others, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but on God, Who richly (Gr. - "Copiously / Abundantly") and ceaselessly provides us with everything for [our] enjoyment.

18 [Charge them] to do good, to be rich (Gr. - "Wealthy") in good works, to be liberal and generous of heart, ready to share [with others], 19 In this way laying up for themselves [the riches that endure forever as] a good foundation for the future, so that they may grasp that which is life indeed.

God wants us wealthy (more than we need).
> WHY???

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Ephesians 4:28 (NKJV)

28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

How do we get it?

- 1) Plant Seed.
- 2) Follow his Spirit / Leading.
- 3) Work.

However > Our goal is not to be Rich (Seek Wealth).

1. When is Enough for our own uses?

- Which includes being generous on every occasion or opportunity to give.

> That's what makes this vary by each person.

2. The American culture says the exact opposite of scripture:

Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

One Determining Question for 'When is Enough for our own uses':

- Who is getting the most??

- > You / your children,
- > Or God.

This is the 4th in a group of series that are all connected.

- a. Prosperity.
- b. Spirit of Increase.
- c. Seedtime and Harvest
- d. This is #4 > Tithing and Financial Giving

A. Do you believe:

- 1. God wants his people to struggle and ultimately fail at most everything in life - or does he want us to have success, grow, accomplish things and move forward in life?

2. Is God a 'Finite' God (he's reached his full potential and ability), or is he 'Infinite' (he continues to expand. He has no limits)?

3. Do you believe God has designed the earth to produce grain, crops, animals, etc. - after it's own kind. And there are seasons in place for these things to happen?

Or has all this stopped on the earth?

4. Do you believe God still has Covenants with mankind, and there are still evidences and exchanges of these Covenants happening on the earth?

Or has all this passed away and is no longer relevant to the human race?

B. If you believe:

1. God wants us to have success, grow, and accomplish things and move forward in life.

- Then You Believe in Prosperity.

2. Is God a 'Finite' God (he's reached his full potential and ability), or that God is 'Infinite' (he continues to expand. He has no limits.)

- Then You Believe in Spiritual Increase.

3. If you believe God has designed the earth to produce grain, crops, animals, etc. - after it's own kind. And there are seasons in place for these things to happen.

- Then You Believe in Seedtime and Harvest.

4. If you believe God still has Covenants with mankind, and there are still evidences and exchanges of these Covenants happening on the earth.

- Then You should believe Tithing is still for Today.

The 4 Series:

#1) Prosperity.

#2) Spirit of Increase.

#3) Seedtime and Harvest

#4) This is #4 > Tithing and Financial Giving

A. Prosperity.

Message #1 - Definitions of Prosperity.

- a. 11 O.T. words..... Prosper (ity), (ous), (ed) (9 out of the 11 words don't deal with money)
- b. 1 N.T. word..... Prosper (ed), (s)

Message #2 - Scriptures for Prosper (ity), (ous), (ed)

- a. We listed 49 scripture passages on Prosperity.
- b. 91 times the KJV refers to Prosper (ity), (ous), (ed).

**** Conclusion of those 2 messages: God is Pro-Prosperity.

Message #3 - The word 'Blessing' and Prosperity.

- a. Both in the Old and New Testaments.**

Message #4 - Prosperity in the New Testament

- a. Lots of Scriptures.**

Message #5 - The New Testament and Money / Material Things.

- a. Many N.T. Words and Scriptures**
- b. Global Wealth Distribution**

Message #6 - 2 Corinthians 8:9

- a. Was Jesus rich in money or
righteousness?
(Viewed a conflicting opinion video)**
- b. Examined and Bible Interpretation
Principles.**

B. Spirit of Increase.

- a. Mary spoke.**
- b. Dealt with God's and our attitude towards increase.**

C. Seedtime and Harvest.

Message #1 - It's a law that governs this world.

- Genesis 8:20-22; Galatians 6:6-10**
- To change the Harvest we are receiving in our lives, we need to change the Seed we are planting.**

Message #2 - What we plant we reap.

- What we DO and SAY is planting seed.
(The law touches everything on earth)
- N.T. scriptures.
- Examples and Applications.

D. Tithing.

Message #1 - What is the Tithe?

- What is the purpose for the Tithe?
- Money isn't the issue, it's a tool.

- Money / Wealth is talked about 3.5 to 5 times more often than Love in the Bible. (Diff. Translations)
- The Core Issue concerning Giving from God's Perspective: is really a Love Issue.

Message #2 - Abrahams' Covenant (The Beginning of Tithing)

- The 3 main ways of financial giving (Tithes, Offerings, Alms)

- Tithing explained more deeply in the O.T. Law, but it began before the Law.
- Giving to church / minsters / those in need:
 - > For the Church - it's the Tithe."
 - > For other minister's / settings - it's Offerings.
 - > For people in need - it's Alms.

- The Principle:

"When we are Blessed Spiritually through God's ministers, we are to reciprocate by giving back Financially"
(Both Old and New Testament)

Message #3 - The 4 main Covenants in the Bible. (Abraham's, Noah's, Moses', Jesus')

- Abraham's Covenant & Melchizedek.
(For us: Melchizedek is Jesus)
- Reciprocation on receiving the Blessing,
is giving the Tithe.

Message #4 - Tithing in the New Testament (Scriptures)

- The N.T. approaches it from the perspective that it's expected. Nothing has changed. It came through the cross
- unchanged. (Like > the 7 days of creation.....)

- Preachers of the gospel should live by the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:11-14; Deuteronomy 18)
- The O.T. Temple / N.T. Church is financially supported by the tithe.
- Paul admits he was wrong for not being supported.

Message #5 - What is the Purpose for Tithing / Giving Financially?

- 1) To return to God what is actually his.
- 2) To supply for God's work on earth.

- 3) To test our hearts. (Love & Trust)
- 4) To provide a way that opens an avenue of Blessing / Prosperity in every way (including Financial) for Believers.

******* Tithing Produces Prosperity in every area of life. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)**

Message #6 - Everything comes by faith.

- We determine the amount of our harvest.
- In Covenant we Exchange Everything.

Message #7 - Melchizedek and Jesus receiving tithes.

The word “receive” in Hebrews 7:8 (NKJV), in both instances (“mortal men receive” and “he receives”), is a present participle in the Greek text, indicating an ongoing or continuous action. It is not past tense but reflects a habitual or timeless action in the context of the verse.

- Extravagant Giving

Message #8 - Do we tithe on the Gross or Net Income.

- Tithe is on the - "Increase"
- "Produce"
- "Yield"

- Tithe is not on the - Profit
 - a. "Increases" you somehow.
 - b. "Produces" in your life.
 - c. "Yields" something that helps you.
- Wage Earner vs. Business Owner
- Abased vs. Abound