

# FINANCES



## FOUR KEYS TO BIBLICAL GIVING

**Matthew 6:21** (NIV) "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

**Matthew 6:24b** (NIV) "You cannot serve both God and Money."

### I. UNDERSTAND WHY I SHOULD GIVE.

1. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do.

**Proverbs 3:9-10** (NIV) **Honor the LORD** with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

**Malachi 3:7-10** Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. 'Return to me, and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty. But you ask, 'How are we to return?' 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' **"In tithes and offerings!"** 9 You are under a curse --the whole nation of you --because you are robbing me. 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.'

2. It acknowledges \_\_\_\_\_ ownership, provision & protection.

**1 Timothy 6:17, 18** Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

3. It advances the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Luke 16:9-12** (NIV) I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

### II. UNDERSTAND \_\_\_\_\_ I SHOULD GIVE.

1. Tithes: \_\_\_\_\_ Church.

**Numbers 18:24a** (NIV) Instead, I give to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes that the Israelites present as an offering to the Lord.'

**1 Corinthians 9:11, 12a** (NIV) If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? 12 If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? Ö

**13** Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?

**14 In the same way,** the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.'

2. Offerings: \_\_\_\_\_ else.

**Deuteronomy 12:6** (NIV) There bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings.

### III. UNDERSTAND \_\_\_\_\_ I SHOULD GIVE.

1. Thank God for the \_\_\_\_\_ !

2. The tithe was confirmed \_\_\_\_\_ the law.

- God says a tenth **belongs** to Him

**Leviticus 27:30** (NIV) **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.

3. The tithe was affirmed by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Only practice of Pharisees commended by Jesus

**Luke 11:42** (NIV) Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

4. The tithe was affirmed by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Paul states the plan for supporting NT leaders is same as OT support for Levites: the tithe

**Numbers 18:21** (NIV) **I give to the Levites all the tithes** in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the Tent of Meeting.

**1 Corinthians 9:7-14** (NIV) **In the same way**, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

5. Regardless, \_\_\_\_\_ implies/demands **more!**

- Faith, love, forgiveness increase w/grace

**Romans 5:15** (NIV) How much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

#### IV. UNDERSTAND \_\_\_\_\_ I SHOULD GIVE.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Choose your attitude).

**2 Corinthians 9:7** (NIV) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**.

2. Conclusion: Let's \_\_\_\_\_ God with wealth!