

# Five Principles of NEW TESTAMENT Giving

First of All, We Thank God for everyone that gives Faithfully to the Lord!!!!!!!

**Give with Faith** - Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**Give Liberally** - Proverbs 11:24,25 - One gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor. / A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Also: 2 Corinthians 9:6 - But this *I* say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

**Give to God First** - 1 Kings 17:12-14 - And she said, As the LORD thy God lives, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

**13**And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. **14**For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sends rain upon the earth.

**Give from a Place of Contentment** - Genesis 28:20-22 - If God will *be with me*, and will *keep me* in this way that I go, and will *give me bread* to eat, and *raiment* to put on, **21**So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: ... and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

**Give with Resolve** - Genesis 28:20-22 - And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God...then shall the LORD be my God: ... and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the *tenth* (tithe)unto thee.

## Prove the Lord!!! (*push against fear and unbelief*)

- **Malachi 3:10-11** - Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*  
[11](#)And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
- **Jacob** - If God will keep me, feed me, clothe me... then I will give... (covenant relationship)

### Three Positions of the Heart Concerning Tithe

- **Opposed to the principle of tithe** – rebellious, proud, speaks to not knowing God.
- **Tithe from a position of plenty** – this position requires a substantial increase in our income before we have “enough” and then feel we can safely tithe. It speaks to still “loving” our life and also has an element of fear. Jesus said, “Be not fearful (anxious)”...
- **Tithing from a position of honor and blessing, for the work of God and God’s agenda in the earth.** This can take place even in times of poverty. This position of the heart enables the blessings of God to flow, in every possible way!!!
- *I would like to suggest that each of us vow to the Lord, (whether we have already vowed an amount to support the church or possibly we do not yet give at all), that we will increase what we have already vowed by 1%, for 2 months (in the example above this equals 25.00/month). This will move all of us toward the scriptural goal of being connected to the treasure vaults of heaven. God is desiring to enlarge our tents.*

### Consider Also: Haggai 1:4-10

Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, ...Consider your ways. **6**Ye have sown much and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earns wages earns wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.

**7**Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. **8**Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. **9**Ye looked for much, and, lo, *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that *is* waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. **10**Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed *from* her fruit.

**Ref: Isaiah 32:20, Luke 12:33, Matthew 6:19-34,**

**Proverbs 22:7** - The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender. Debt is BAD!!!