

The Rewards of the Generous

There are five “**I Will’s**” the Lord says He will do for the person who honors Him with their resources.

If I believe what the Bible says about Heaven – and I do

If I believe what the Bible says about Hell – and I do.

Why would I not believe what the Bible says about God blessing our lives if we honor Him in our giving with generous hearts.

Five things the Lord says He will do to honor those who honor Him with their resources with tithe and offering.

The fact that you have a harvest is proof that Harvest exists:

- The house you slept in last night is your harvest & there is more to come.
- The meals you eat are proof of your harvest.
- The fact that you have a job, anything that blesses you is a harvest.
- Your husband is a harvest!
- Your wife is a harvest!
- Your friends are a harvest!
- The fact that there’s someone who thinks that putting up with your weakness is worth it; that’s a harvest. That’s what marriage is.
- Your health is a harvest!
- Love is a harvest

God’s desire is to be results to those who are generous:

The Tithe:

Lev. 27:30- 31 “The tithe of the land [tithe means 10], whether the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree is the Lords. It is holy to the Lord.” If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.

- What God is saying here is “this is Mine, holy means it is **sanctified** or **set apart**.”
- The Old Covenant said if you took the tithe and used it on yourself and not giving it to God, that if you wanted to get right with God – you would bring 1/5 interest to the amount you had withheld from God.
- God said the tithe was so much His – that if you didn’t bring it to Him; HE had a right to charge interest on it.
- The interest would be 1/5 or 20%. That’s the Old Covenant.

God doesn’t make us live under that BUT He is emphasizing the point that the Tithe IS HIS.

v. 32 “Concerning the tither of the herd of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord.”

- Every person who had animals, was expected to give the tenth of every ten to him as a tithe - holy unto the Lord.
- Every chicken, every animal, all the grain.

God was serious about the tenth being recognized as His:

- The reason why God was serious about the percentage of 10% was because 10 was symbolic of the whole.
- Our numeric system teaches in terms of 10
- If you can count to ten, you can count to 100.
- If you can count to ten, you can count to 1,000,000,000.
- All you do after ten is repeat again. 20's 30's etc.
- Everything comes out of the ten.
- The genius of God when He said I want the ten is that He's saying the 90% is in the 10%.
- **If you honor Me with the 10%, I'll see it as everything that you have you are giving it to ME.**
- You are saying: “It belongs to You Lord and I'm honoring You with the tithe.

We need to understand that it is not the amount, it is the fact that our heart wants to honor God.

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There was a man on a business trip that wanted to show his wife he was thinking of her and missed.

He chose to buy her a very expensive dress he thought she would like. As the clerk was wrapping the gift, he stopped her and saying: Wait a minute.

We went and got a card and wrote on it: “You are always on my mind.” And placed it in with the gift.

As most women do when opening a gift that is clothing their husband purchases for them-she was not very impressed.

She hung the dress in the closet where it hung unworn or many years, but placed the card on the mirror of her dresser to see it regularly.

It was not the act of the gift and how expensive it was; it was the fact he cared enough to say to her – You are always on my mind.

That's what we are doing with the tithe – God does not need your gift, He can hang it in His closet and never touch it.

It's the fact that you honored Him enough to say: “You are always on my mind when you bring the tithe & offering to Him.”

What blesses God is the spirit of obedience:

Matt 26:7- “There came to Him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head, as He sat...”

- The woman with the alabaster box of perfume of one year’s wages, broke it open and poured it on Jesus’ feet.
- Jesus was moved by her gift and honored her. Obedience.

Mal 3:10 “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in My house, and prove Me now says 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.”

- Don’t use it to help your children.
- Don’t use it to help your other family members.
- Don’t use it to pay bills or buy frills.
- IT’S NOT YOUR’S TO USE ON YOURSELF. IT’S MINE SAYS THE LORD,
- GOD SAID THAT.

“Bring it to the storehouse – that’s your church – so that I may have meat in MY house & **prove Me** now says the Lord.”

- “**Prove Me**” means “**Provoke Me**” Challenge is another word – we can challenge God.
- “Test Me - Prove Me -Provoke Me” in this. “**Bring Me a tithe – 10%.**”
- See if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you shall not have room enough to receive it.

If you will honor Me and bring Me the tithe and the offering to the house that you attend – “I will open up to you the windows of heaven”

- The original translation says: “A floodgate will be opened.”
- The floodgate pictures there is so much that keeps coming that the gate holds it back and it gets deeper and deeper until its open and then it rushes out.
- God has so much in store for you and its pilling up and will be released as you are faithful to Him in the tithe and offering given to Him.
- **When you bring the tithe and the offering, God commands the floodgate in His house to flow from His house to your house.**

You’re the priest of your home as dad or mom: you are the government of that home.

- You connect to the House of God – you become a partner with God when you bring your tithe and offering – it goes from priest to priest [you to me as priest in this house] and what we do with the resources – God will judge ME [pastor Russell] along with the Pastor’s Council.

- But when you connect your house with this house - WOWC, we in return are connected to the High Priest - Jesus – who says the windows of heaven, the floodgate of heaven is full of blessings, and now because that's a giving church, I'm going to lift up the floodgate and it's going to hit that house [this house], you will begin to receive the blessing that this house is receiving because you have obeyed and connected yourself to a giving house – WOWC.
- As Moses' spirit came upon the 70 elders, God's blessing will come upon your house as you bless God's house – WOWC.
- **When you tithe and give offerings, God says: "Well, I can trust that one, so send a stream of supply and blessing to them."**

There are five "I Will's found in God's Word that if we do, He will do for us:

God says: "If I'm your Father, show Me honor:

Prov. 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first part of all your harvest; so your barns will be filled with grain, and your barrels will **overflow** with **new wine.**"

- Do you hear Gods language of **plenty** and **overflow**?

God's Five Promises to every generous giver paying tithes and offerings:

1. I will open the windows/floodgates of heaven.

- You open the heavens over your house when you give to Gods' house.
- The enemy may think he has you trapped, but God's open heaven comes to your rescue every time.

2. I will pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive.

- A blessing – 1 blessing because He has so much in the 1 blessing, you can't even handle the 1 blessing.
- You don't even have room enough to store all God has blessed you with. You have to go rent storage units because your closets, garage and all spaces are filled with stuff.
- How blessed are we? How good has good been to us?

3. I will rebuke the devour for your sake.

- I will prevent the pests from devouring your crops, your pests may be your own weaknesses. I'll hide you from your weakness until you get it right.
- I'll let you get a job you aren't qualified for and they don't know it. I'll give you time to learn it when you don't even believe in yourself, because I believe in you more than you believe in yourself.

4. I will prevent the vine from prematurely delivering the fruit.

- I'll stop you from losing what you've committed to Me.
- I'll teach you when to move, to sell, to buy, timing, to buy low and sell high, I'll teach you to profit.
- I'll protect you that you get the peak – top for your goods.

5. **I will spare them as the father spares his favorite son.**

- God says He will spoil you and an only child is spoiled by its parents.
- He will treat you as if you were His only and favorite.
- He will give you stuff you don't deserve.
- The good news for all of us is this: Acts 10:34 “Peter opened his mouth and said: “Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons...**”

Do you want to partner with God?

Do you want the floodgates to open over your life?

Would you like for God to shock you?

Oh, you say you're just a single person, mom, widow, widower:

- **Please don't insult God and limit God by thinking He can't bless you right where you are.**

Mal 3

- God says:
 1. “You've robbed Me of My tithe and offerings”
 2. “You've robbed Me of the opportunity to prove Myself to you that I am able to bless you and take care of you when you honor Me.”
- O, what I would have done for you.
- O, how the floodgate has held back so many things I would have done for you.

Under the Old Covenant you would have had to pay interest.

Under the New Covenant you can be forgiven instantly by your acts of obedience.

When you are faithful to God, you send a message to the enemy that you are in Covenant with God.

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