

GIVING: PUTTING GOD FIRST

Sermon Series: Strapped

GOD'S WISDOM, WHEN APPLIED, LEADS TO FINANCIAL PEACE

WHAT IS TITHING?

❶ TITHING IS RETURNING THE FIRST 10% OF YOUR INCOME TO GOD'S CHURCH.

(Leviticus 27:30)

❷ TITHING IS GIVING GOD MY FIRST AND BEST SO HE CAN BLESS THE REST.

(Proverbs 3:9-10, 1 Corinthians 16:2)

WHY TITHE?

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(Malachi 3:10)

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(Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB, Malachi 3:8-9, Matthew 23:23NLT)

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(Malachi 3:10b)

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"...GIVE LAST!"

✓ uncommon cents whispers...

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REALife Application

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Main Idea:

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- Are you giving God your first and best? Why or why not?
- Share a time when your faith grew as a result of your giving. What did you learn about God from your experience?
- With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Leviticus 27:30, Proverbs 3:9-10, and Malachi 3:8-12.
- How can tithing be a form of accountability for you?
- What are some of the barriers you've faced or are facing that keep you from tithing?
- Jesse shared some of the ways tithing has enabled God to work through the church in significant ways. What are some of the things God is doing through the church that you are most excited about?
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