Understanding The Full Benefits of Tithing (Getting the Principle Correct)
Malachi 3:6-24

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Purpose of this teaching series

- Convince you Scripturally on the faithfulness of God through the tithe.
- Get us beyond focusing on the money and understand the principle that governs the law.
- Many saints who tithe don’t receive the full benefit of the tithe. We need to start getting the full benefit from tithing. There is a misunderstanding of the principle that governs the tithe.

Through this teaching I want to clear up the misunderstanding of the principle that governs the tithe.

The tithe is a _____________ that operates out of a ________________ and is controlled by the contents of our __________ and the way we _________________.

Therefore, we want to make sure we understand how the _________________ control the tithe that operates within a principle.

Getting the principle correct

Tithing actually fall under the principle of ________________ and not stewardship. Stewardship seems to suggest the same thing as sow and reap but they cannot be interchanged. However they do work in harmony one with another and one leads into the other.

So in order to gain a clearer understand between the two principles I will compare them.

Principle of Sowing and Reaping –

Objective – is to teach us how to _________________________________. In other words God has laid out certain provisions for us and how we receive those provisions comes under the principles of sowing and reaping. But remember the Tithe is a law within the principle of sow and reap, but it is not the principle itself.

Purpose – it is a _________________. It builds our faith Its Gods plan which teaches us how to ________________ so that we might know that God and God alone is our source and we will not fear man.

Goal – is that through principle we will _________________________________. Not only to abound, abound means to have your needs met. But if all you get is your needs met you have nothing else to sow back. Therefore we have to “Super abound” – our needs must be met to the overflow, so that there is above our personal needs something left after that to sow back into the Kingdom. Now this is how the tenth (tithe) connects into the principle of sow and reap.
**Principle of Stewardship**

**Objective** – is to teach us how to be a wise __________________________ of God. Therefore, stewardship takes the assumption that we have an overflow, that our needs are met that we have sown back into the kingdom and there is still something left.

**Purpose** – it is a __________________________. It will certainly test your character if your needs are met, if you have done the legal or letter of the law, by giving the tithe, but under stewardship can you be trusted to use the overflow according to the plans of God.

**Goal** – to __________________________ and to meet the needs of others. Sow and reap brings us to the place where we can super abound and have our needs met, but the principle of stewardship brings us to the point where we have super abound and now we are able to meet the needs of others.

**Definition of the Tithe**: 1 tenth of all __________________________ earned or unearned. You can only tithe with cash, or money.

**A Sacrifice is** – something we __________________________ disobedience. Obedience is better than sacrifice, so therefore, sacrifice is replaced by obedience.

God said you have robbed Me……

**Three ways to Steal/Rob:**

1. Illegally Taking – Possession of that which __________________________

2. Illegally Keeping – In your possession a trust that __________________________

3. Illegally Using – A possession of the trust __________________________

**The purpose of the tithe**

1. __________________________ of God in the earth. Takes care of the house hold of faith.

2. __________________________ to the lost. Those out there who don’t know the LORD, tithes can be used as an outreach.

3. __________________________ the needs of the Body of Christ for
a. Temporal Needs – When you tithe you give God the legal right to intervene in your temporal affairs.

i. This means that you now have supernatural insight to your natural affairs. I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.

ii. God will stop the devourer from eroding the quality of your life. It also makes sure your seed will bear fruit.

iii. It will also make sure that our plans are not preempted. Neither shall your vine cast forth its fruit before its time.

b. Spiritual Needs – the tithe gives God an ______________ in which He can flow into you supernatural insight into His word.

What will the Tithe do to our Character

1. It changes our attitude toward money. When we tithe consistently, with the proper heart, and thought pattern we will start to see money and its use in a much different light.

a. It’s not what we ______________ that counts it’s what we ____________.

b. Tithe will break the spirit of ______________________.

c. The tithe builds ______________________ in us.

d. The tithe makes us ______________________.

Life is about making a difference in the lives of others. It’s hard to make a difference in the lives of others if our thinking and heart is in the wrong place. Before you can make a difference you must be different. I can’t make a difference in your life as your pastor if I’m not different.