

THE  
**WHY SHOULD I**  
SERIES

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**“WHY SHOULD I TITHE”**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

**Acts 2:41-47**

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OF THE LIFE, MINISTRY AND INFLUENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Twelve Reason Why  
You Should Take a Reasonable Look at Your Church

**Acts 2:41-47**

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

## ***Disclaimer...***

How Sad it is that when this Topic is Raised,  
There automatically arises a sense of suspiciousness.

***“All the Church wants is my Money”***

***“Don’t they have enough?”***

***“I Work hard for my Money”***

*(That’s why I go to Las Vegas and throw it away)*

It is a Congregational Act of Worship

*The Abuse Has Been From the Beginning*

Know Your Church, It’s Conduct,  
It’s Standards, It’s Leaders...

## **WHY SHOULD I TITHE?**

***1.) Because the Lord has required it of us***

**Tithe Means** - a tenth part of the whole

**Offering means** - a sacrifice from what is needed

***Because the Lord has required it of us***

***1a.) We’re to appreciate His Goodness***

**He’s First Among All Other Things !**

**Nehemiah 10:38-39**

And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse. <sup>39</sup> For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, where the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and we will not neglect the house of our God.

## My God is Worthy of What I Have!

**1 Corinthians 4:7**

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Appreciating What The Lord Has Done for You

### The gods of the World Cannot Compare

**Genesis 14:18-20**

Now Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all that he had gotten.

***Because the Lord has required it of us***

***1b.) We're to be thankful for His Faithfulness***

**"We Can't Afford to Tithe to God"**

*- signed me*

**"I Can't Afford to Give You Any Food,  
Oxygen, Water..."**

*- signed God*

# ***Are You Giving Him a Dollar?***

**Matthew 25:21**

faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

**Nehemiah 10:36-37a**

to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; <sup>37</sup> to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, the new wine and oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the house of our God; and to bring the tithes of our land...

## ***Get into the Happy Habit of Giving...***

***Because the Lord has required it of us***

***1c.) We're to be reminded of His Love***

***Reminded***

**Malachi 3:7-9**

Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' <sup>8</sup> "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

***Reminded***

**Malachi 3:10**

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

*Remember*  
**Ya Can't Out Give God**

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

## **WHY SHOULD I TITHE?**

### ***2.) Because all things belong to Him***

#### ***2a.) He is in need of nothing***

Psalm 50:12

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you;  
for the world is Mine, and all its fullness."

#### ***Because all things belong to Him***

#### ***2b.) He is the creator of everything***

Isaiah 40:28-29 NIV

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

#### ***Because all things belong to Him***

#### ***2c.) He doesn't need our help***

## **God's Not Broke**

Haggai 2:8

'All The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,'  
says the LORD of hosts.

# And His church is not Broke or in bankruptcy or foreclosure

## **Warning**

When a Church is Loving God and Each Other  
Your bills will be paid

But What About Christian T.V.?

“If you don’t send in a fifty-dollar bill this  
ministry is going to have to close its doors”

Please God, Close It!

“God wants you to live by Faith so Send in that Seed Money,  
and remember, the Bigger the Seed, the Bigger the Crop  
and God will bless you”

Hey T.B.N. Have  
Fred Price / Kenneth Copeland / Benny Hinn Send it In  
And watch your garden grow

It’s Called “The Dupe and Scoop”

### **1 Timothy 6:3-5**

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, <sup>4</sup> he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup> useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. **From such withdraw yourself.**

## **WHY SHOULD I TITHE?**

**3.) *Because I desire to glorify His name***

### **3a.) Because I know I own nothing of myself**

#### **Matthew 14:15-21**

When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> He said, "Bring them here to Me." <sup>19</sup> Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. <sup>20</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. <sup>21</sup> Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### ***They Became Stewards of God's Provisions***

True Church Leaders are Good  
with God's Money,

Here's why - they don't see money as money. They  
see money as tools.

Money to us are  
Tools to God

#### **1 Timothy 6:10**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

# It is the only thing that Jesus says competes with the God

A Balanced Ministry Knows How to Invest/Spending/Saving and Spending  
"Use it or Lose it" - in Kingdom Building

## This Excites Me Greatly

### **Luke 12:42-44**

And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? <sup>43</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>44</sup> Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

### **Matthew 25:14-28**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup> Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup> And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup> "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <sup>22</sup> He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' <sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <sup>24</sup> "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. <sup>27</sup> 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

***Because I desire to glorify His name***

***3b.) Because I want to honor Him with what I have***

## Costly Giving

**2 Samuel 24:24-25**

Then the king who own the threshing floor of moriah said I will give you the land to build God a house but David said, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing.

<sup>25</sup> So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land...

## The Temple in Jerusalem Today

**Matthew 6:24**

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

## Money can, and does, easily take the place of God in our lives

If God required Bananas,  
then Bananas would be the issue, If God required Peanuts,  
Peanuts would be the Issue.

- 1.) Money Takes the Place of God
- 2.) Glory Takes the Place of God
- 3.) Attention Takes the Place of God
- 4.) Fame Takes the Place of God

**A Human Being was Created to Give God**

All the Fame, Attention, Glory, Money, Peanuts and  
Bananas

Tithes and Offerings

Are what the lord has chosen to be our sacrifice to Him...

***Jesus was his sacrifice for us***

CHANCES ARE

*If Jesus isn't that big of a deal to you – then neither will be tithing!*

MY PERSONAL BELIEF

(I Make my Business to Know Where Every Penny of this Church Goes)

But I refuse to make it my business, and the business of these pastors, to know from  
whom those pennies come from...

*We Are Pastors – not financial consultants*

1 Peter 5:2

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by  
compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

Is it Your Body

Then are you honoring God with it?

Is it Your Money

Then are you honoring God with it?

Is it Your Youth

Then are you honoring God with it?

Is it Your Influence

Then are you honoring God with it?

Is it Your Time  
Then are you honoring God with it?

Is it Your Husband  
Then are you honoring God with him?

Is it Your Wife  
Then are you honoring God with her?

Is it Your Friendships  
Then are you honoring God with them?

This Question Never Ends...

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.

***Because I desire to glorify His name***

***3c.) Because I see where I really am with Him***

***False or Wrong Giving***

**Luke 11:42-43**

"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats (and reserved parking spaces) in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

**It is to be a joyous experience**

### **2 Corinthians 9:5-7**

Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. <sup>6</sup> But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

### **Matthew 6:19-21**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Treasures of the heart

The needy here  
(Let the pastors discern who must be helped)

Look around and see where it's going  
and look around to see if it's glorifying to God

### Bottom-line

Is honoring God by;

Being a witness to His kingdom?

Is it advancing His kingdom among my brethren?

Is it advancing His kingdom in the community?

Is it advancing His kingdom in the country?

Is it advancing His kingdom in the world?