

## Dollars & \$ense

my impressions

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. It's awesome! B. It makes me thankful C. It makes sense  
D. It gives me hope E. It humbles me  
F. Its exciting! G. It makes me feel loved  
H. It's surprising I. That's a challenge J. Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. God's economy works differently than ours. The more we give to God, the more we receive. (Matthew 16:25<sup>2</sup>; Luke 6:38<sup>3</sup>)
2. The Creator of the universe has taken time to notice us and our stewardship. When we return the tithe to God first, He has promised to bless us beyond our ability to receive. (Psalm 8:3, 4; Malachi 3:10<sup>6</sup>; 2 Chronicles 16:9a; Proverbs 3:9, 10<sup>5</sup>)
3. God actually challenges us to scientifically test Him by returning the tithe, or the first tenth of our increase. He is eager to show us and those around us, what He can do with those who are faithful. (Malachi 3:10<sup>14</sup>; Proverbs 3:9, 10<sup>5</sup>)
4. Returning tithe is a trust relationship with God. Until we venture something in experiential faith it is just a theory. But when we do, we will see God's faithfulness to His promises, and our faith will grow. (Malachi 3:10-12<sup>6</sup>; Hebrews 11:1, 6, 7-8; James 2:20-26)
5. Tithe is God's appointed means of supporting those who minister in our behalf and is best managed when brought to the storehouse or His church. (1 Corinthians 9:14<sup>9</sup>; Matthew 10:10; Malachi 3:10<sup>14</sup>)
6. Tithe is merely the minimum. God also observes our free will giving or our offerings as a gauge of our love and faithfulness to Him. After all, He doesn't need our money—He wants our hearts. (Malachi 3:8; Proverbs 23:26)
7. When we seek God first, every other aspect in our life falls into place, including our finances. This is the only way we can be faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to us. (Matthew 6:33<sup>15</sup>)

**Choices:** I choose to return to God a faithful tithe and offering, to show I have faith in Him and to allow Him to prove to the world around me that there is indeed a faithful, promise keeping God. (Hebrews 10:23)

## Thunder — IN THE — Holy Land

LESSON 23

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1. **John 12:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it \_\_\_\_\_, it bringeth forth much fruit.
2. **Matthew 16:25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
3. **Luke 6:38 NKJ** "Give, and it will be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over ... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."
4. **Matthew 23:23** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the other undone.
5. **Proverbs 3:9, 10** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine \_\_\_\_\_: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
6. **Malachi 3:10-12** 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 \_\_\_\_\_, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

7. **2 Corinthians 9:6, 7** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.
8. **Proverbs 11:24, 25 NKJ** There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. The \_\_\_\_\_ soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.
9. **1 Corinthians 9:14** Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.
10. **Matthew 10:10** ... the workman is \_\_\_\_\_ of his meat.
11. **Galatians 6:6** Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
12. **Acts 4:33-35** And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.
13. **Mark 12:43, 44 NKJ** ... "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in \_\_\_\_\_ that she had, her whole livelihood."
14. **Malachi 3:10** Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
15. **Matthew 6:33** ... seek ye \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

### Notes and Questions