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Our Gift of Prosperous Increase: TITHING

Bishop Cecil Reid

YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY: You have many gifts which you may not have received because you were not aware you had them. This series started in March and for the next few months we will continue to explore these amazing gifts.

Tithing spells success on all levels of life.

What? Giving again? I cried in dismay,
And must I keep giving and giving away –
Oh, No, said the Angel, piercing me through,
Just give till the Father stops giving to you

The Lord, indeed, **loves a cheerful giver**, a giver who shares their material benefits because they love the cause of Christ.

Our system of raising money in the Church must not be coercive or annoying; it must be a method based upon scriptural precedent, and one in which giving is not merely a duty, but a spiritual act, an act of worship which brings a spiritual blessing.

Tithing is such a system. It is Biblical in its origin. It is an act of worship, for the tithe is given, not to men, but to God. ***A blessing is promised to those who tithe.***

The Hebrews of the Old Testament became one of the richest groups of people the world has ever known because they gave not the last and the least, but the first and the best, and **their giving made them rich!**

John D. Rockefeller made systematic tithing a lifelong habit. It was often reported that:

- In 1855, he tithed 10% from his total earnings of $95.00
- The next year, his tithes grew from $9.50 to $28.37
- The following year, they increased to $72.22
- The next year, his tithes totaled $107.35
- The following year, they had grown to $671.85
- Five years later, his tithes had expanded to $5,489.62 for the year
- They remained stationary for about a decade.
- Then in 1878, they rose to $23,458.65 for the year.
- By 1881 his annual tithes had more than doubled.
- In 1884, his tithes had doubled again to $119,109.48
- In 1887, his tithes exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, and
- In 1890, they topped the million dollar mark!
- Between 1855 and 1934, he reportedly gave away $531 million dollars

He said, "A man should make all he can and give away all he can." – "God gave me my money."

- One of the major secrets of his success was that <u>he recognized God as the source of his supply, and he put Him first financially.</u>
- He passed along this secret to his family, and between 1917 and 1959, John D. Rockefeller Jr. Reportedly gave away $474 million dollars.

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Freewill Offerings were given over and above the tithes. - The rule was: "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:36)

Jacob became a millionaire after he made a Success Covenant with God in which he pledged, "Of all that thou shell give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Gen. 28:22)

Tithing is an act of faith that moves on the rich substance of the universe to prosper you mightily and to expand your world within and without in ways you would not have dreamed possible.

Malachi 3:7-12 - Describes (4) four things:

1. The cause of the non-tither's problems:
2. The lavish blessings due the tither - To provide substance that you would not have room to receive.
3. The promise of divine protection to the tither - to rebuke the devourer.
4. The promise of personal happiness and universal prestige to the tither - "That all nations shall call you blessed; for you shall be a delightsome land, said the Lord of Hosts."

The word **"prosper"** in its root means **"wholeness."**

This is God's gift to us!

Declare: *"My faithful tithing, will release endless blessings and protection for me, my family, and my Church. – I will be called blessed and happy, because that will be the condition of my life! – It is the Father's good pleasure to give me the kingdom, and it my good pleasure to receive it! Amen*

Learn more in the new book by Bishop Cecil Reid

10% Tithes: THE CHALLENGE OF FAITH

Available soon

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

29th - 30th > NWSE Fall Retreat

OCTOBER

- 7th > NWSE One Day Women's Conference
- 9th – 13th > Southern District Convention

Find more information on www.cogainc.org

A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- Why did the scarecrow win an award in September? Because he was outstanding in his field!
- "A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."
- "The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let the dead things go."
- "September: when even the trees are like, 'I'm over summer, let's get this done.'"
- "I wish September would last longer. Said no student ever."
- "September is the only time when turning over a new leaf is encouraged, unless you're a tree."