

A hand holding a small pile of gold coins, with the word "TITHING" written in large, glowing letters in the background. The scene is set against a warm, golden light with bokeh effects.

TITHING

Review of the Series

1 Timothy 6:10 (AMP)

10 For the love of money is a root of all evils ; it is through this craving that some have been led astray *and* have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs.

"Love" - (G5365 - "Avarice - Love of Money")

> "excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or profit"

a. Get this: the excessive / insatiable desire for wealth or profit IS THE ROOT of ALL EVILS!!!

**b. Definition: When do you have enough??
How much do we need until we have enough??**

c. Because this is what God is watching:

- Does money / wealth have you, or do you have it?

(Which one is really in control?)

- How do we know?? (The scriptures show us)

2 Timothy 3:2 (AMP)

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

God uses money / worldly wealth as a test of our heart:

- (1) to see who/what we actually serve / are loyal to,
- (2) and to find out what we love.

Luke 16:13 (NKJV)

13 No servant can serv two masters; for either he will hate 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" – NIV) ("riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely" AMP).

2 Corinthians 8:7-9 (NKJV)

7 But as you abound in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us see that you abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (cf. – John 3:16)

Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

19 Do not lay up yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart is also.

Luke 16:8-15 (NIV)

8 The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.
14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15 He said to them, You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

What is detestable to God?

- Money?? NO > The Love of Money.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Ephesians 4:28 (NKJV)

28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

4) If God Would ask you for some of your money, would you give it to him?

We're finishing the 4th in a grouping of a series of messages:

- a. Prosperity.
- b. Spirit of Increase.
- c. Seedtime and Harvest
- d. This is #4 > Tithing and Financial Giving

A. Do you believe:

1. God wants his people to struggle and ultimately fail at most everything in life - or does he want us to have success, grow, accomplish things and move forward in life?
2. Is God a 'Finite' God (he's reached his full potential and ability), or is he 'Infinite' (he continues to expand. He has no limits)?

3. Do you believe God has designed the earth to produce grain, crops, animals, etc. - after it's own kind. And there are seasons in place for these things to happen?

Or has all this stopped on the earth?

4. Do you believe God still has Covenants with mankind, and there are still evidences and exchanges of these Covenants happening on the earth?

Or has all this passed away and is no longer relevant to the human race?

B. If you believe:

1. God wants us to have success, grow, and accomplish things and move forward in life.

- Then You Believe in Prosperity.

2. Is God a 'Finite' God (he's reached his full potential and ability), or that God is 'Infinite' (he continues to expand. He has no limits.)

- Then You Believe in Spiritual Increase.

3. If you believe God has designed the earth to produce grain, crops, animals, etc. - after it's own kind. And there are seasons in place for these things to happen.

- Then You Believe in Seedtime and Harvest.

4. If you believe God still has Covenants with mankind, and there are still evidences and exchanges of these Covenants happening on the earth.

- Then You should believe Tithing is still for Today.

The 4 Series:

#1) Prosperity.

#2) Spirit of Increase.

#3) Seedtime and Harvest

#4) This is #4 > Tithing and Financial Giving

A. Prosperity.

Message #1 - Definitions of Prosperity.

- a. 11 O.T. words..... Prosper (ity), (ous), (ed) (9 out of the 11 words don't deal with money)
- b. 1 N.T. word..... Prosper (ed), (s)

Message #2 - Scriptures for Prosper (ity), (ous), (ed)

- a. We listed 49 scripture passages on Prosperity.
- b. 91 times the KJV refers to Prosper (ity), (ous), (ed).

**** Conclusion of those 2 messages: God is Pro-Prosperity.

Message #3 - The word 'Blessing' and Prosperity.

- a. Both in the Old and New Testaments.

Message #4 - Prosperity in the New Testament

- a. Lots of Scriptures.**

Message #5 - The New Testament and Money / Material Things.

- a. Many N.T. Words and Scriptures**
- b. Global Wealth Distribution**

Message #6 - 2 Corinthians 8:9

- a. Was Jesus rich in money or righteousness?
(Viewed a conflicting opinion video)
- b. Examined and Bible Interpretation Principles.

B. Spirit of Increase.

- a. Mary spoke.
- b. Dealt with God's and our attitude towards increase.

C. Seedtime and Harvest.

Message #1 - It's a law that governs this world.

- Genesis 8:20-22; Galatians 6:6-10
- To change the Harvest we are receiving in our lives, we need to change the Seed we are planting.

Message #2 - What we plant we reap.

- What we DO and SAY is planting seed.
(The law touches everything on earth)
- N.T. scriptures.
- Examples and Applications.

Message #2 - Abrahams' Covenant (The Beginning of Tithing)

- The 3 main ways of financial giving (Tithes, Offerings, Alms)

- Tithing explained more deeply in the O.T. Law, but it began before the Law.
- Giving to church / minsters / those in need:
 - > For the Church - it's the Tithe."
 - > For other minister's / settings - it's Offerings.
 - > For people in need - it's Alms.

- The Principle:

“When we are Blessed Spiritually through God’s ministers, we are to reciprocate by giving back Financially”
(Both Old and New Testament)

Message #3 - The 4 main Covenants in the Bible. (Abraham's, Noah's, Moses', Jesus')

- Abraham's Covenant & Melchizedek.
(For us: Melchizedek is Jesus)
- Reciprocation on receiving the Blessing, is giving the Tithes.

Message #5 - What is the Purpose for Tithing / Giving Financially?

- 1) To return to God what is actually his.
- 2) To supply for God's work on earth.

- 3) To test our hearts. (Love & Trust)
- 4) To provide a way that opens an avenue of Blessing / Prosperity in every way (including Financial) for Believers.

******* Tithing Produces Prosperity in every area of life. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)**

Message #6 - Everything comes by faith.

- We determine the amount of our harvest.
- In Covenant we Exchange Everything.

Message #7 - Melchizedek and Jesus receiving tithes.

The word "receive" in Hebrews 7:8 (NKJV), in both instances ("mortal men receive" and "he receives"), is a present participle in the Greek text, indicating an ongoing or continuous action. It is not past tense but reflects a habitual or timeless action in the context of the verse.

- Extravagant Giving

Message #8 - Do we tithe on the Gross or Net Income.

- Tithe is on the - "Increase"
- "Produce"
- "Yield"

- Tithe is not on the - Profit
 - a. "Increases" you somehow.
 - b. "Produces" in your life.
 - c. "Yields" something that helps you.
 - Wage Earner vs. Business Owner
 - Abased vs. Abound