

How to Be Blessed Financially
God's Plan for Your Finances – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – February 18, 2018
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

3 John 1:2 (ESV) Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28a (ESV) See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God ...

Proverbs 10:22 (ESV) The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

1. Understand God's plan of _____

A. Tithing shows _____ to God

Proverbs 3:9-10 (ESV) Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

B. Tithing strengthens your _____ with God

Matthew 6:20-21 (ESV) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

2. _____ God's promise by tithing

A. Tithe and _____ the results

Malachi 3:10 (ESV) Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

B. Tithe and break the _____

Malachi 3:9 (ESV) You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

3. Expect God's _____ for tithing

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

A. Expect God's blessing in _____ area

Malachi 3:10b (ESV) ... [see] if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

B. Expect blessing in _____ to your giving

Luke 6:38 (ESV) give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Sign up for the Financial Peace University (www.lcstl.org/fpu).

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

How to Be Blessed Financially Study Guide

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Intro. How does one's spiritual life impact the rest of their life according to 3 John 1:2?

Why does God give us His commands in Scripture (Deuteronomy 11:26-28a)?

What is the general principle of Proverbs 10:22 with regard to finances?

Why might "rich" in Proverbs 10:22 not always refer to worldly wealth (Luke 12:20-21)?

1A. What is the importance of giving a tithe as the firstfruits of your income (Proverbs 3:9-10)?

1B. How does tithing strengthen your relationship with God (Matthew 6:20-21)?

1C. Why does God not bless those who do not give the firstfruits of their income (Genesis 4:3-5, 2 Chronicles 31:5)?

2A. What is God's challenge and test regarding tithing in Malachi 3:10?

2B. How is not tithing robbing God (Malachi 3:9)?

2C. Where is your tithe supposed to be given (Malachi 3:10, 2 Chronicles 31:4)?

2D. How does Jesus commend tithing in Luke 11:42 and relate it to other commands?

3A. In what ways is faith required to give to God (Hebrews 11:4, 6)?

3B. What is the blessing associated with tithing your firstfruits (Malachi 3:10-11)?

3C. Why do you think some people have difficulty with tithing? How could you help them?

3D. What other financial principles does God's Word teach besides giving tithes and offerings (Proverbs 19:17, 22:7)?