



Break Through the Cycle with Giving (05/28/13) Biblical Discussion

Why should you give? Where does the money go?

What are some of the things that you are doing financially?

What are some of your plans to get out of debt?

How often do you give? And how do you give? **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

What are you giving to? What is your financial plan for the future?

²² A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children,
but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. **Proverbs 13:22**



Show I give 10% of my income **Matthew 23:23**

²³ “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens,^[a] but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

Giving as sowing seeds

Luke 6:38

³⁸ Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.^[a]”

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Luke 8:5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.

Genesis 1:11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.

Why are you losing money - **Haggai 1:3-6**

³ Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ “Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? ⁵ This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁶ You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!

Testing God with your Giving

Malachi 3:10¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

If I succeeded financially without sacrificing or sowing a seed, then someone who went before me made that sacrifice or sowed the seed.

If I sacrifice or sowing a seed and do not see the harvest or success, then someone behind me will reap that harvest or success.

How to stay blessed **Deuteronomy 28:1-14**

“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. ...

God and Giving – **John 3:15**