

THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: The Truth About Tithing: Is It Biblical?

Empowered by God working within us, we're now called, like our Lord Jesus, to lay down our lives for others. This includes sacrificially giving of ourselves—our time, possessions, talents... our plans—out of love for God and for others.

Here are three things to believe and consider about tithes, offerings, and generosity...

1. **God created everything out of love and graciously allows us to use, enjoy, and steward it.** For his glory—not our own. You are not stewarding your stuff... or tithing on your resources; it is all God's stuff! The question is not, "How much of your income and resources will you give to God?" It is really, "How much of God's resources will you keep and use just for yourself?"
2. **Christians can choose to live generously or not, and God's love for us, shown amazingly at the Cross, never changes.** We are loved regardless! Let God's abundance in your life move your heart to generosity. Ask the Spirit to show you each day who you can be a blessing to with your words, resources, and acts of service. As a Christian and part of God's family here on Earth, we are now God's primary conduit of blessing flowing out to others.
3. **If you are regularly part of a church congregation that serves you and meets the needs of you and your family, support that work and those who serve you.** If you are not currently an active part of a congregation, look for ways to intentionally meet the needs of those who serve your life; spiritually and physically. And if you are part of a community on mission, together discuss how you could better steward ALL that God has given you collectively. There are so many needs and opportunities to lay down your life and preferences for others to God's glory!

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- [What Are the \(New\) Signs of a Healthy Church?](#)

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

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