

LESSON #7

TITHING AND STEWARDSHIP

INTRODUCTION:

This lesson will cover the Principle of Tithing and Stewardship. The Principle of tithing began hundreds (if not thousands) of years before the Law of Moses. The word tithe means a tenth. It is important to understand that the tithe is holy and belongs to God. We are to pay our tithes and give offerings. This lesson will give you Biblical understanding of the value of operating the principle of tithing in your life .

1. The principle of "seedtime and harvest" has been in operation as long as the earth has existed, and will continue as long as the earth remains.
 - ◆ Genesis 8:22 – While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Q – What do you think the Bible means when it talks about seedtime and harvest in Genesee 8:22?

2. Abraham and Jacob tithed well before the Law of Moses.

- ◆ Genesee 14:17-20
- ◆ Genesis 28:22

(Melchizedek was a type of the eternal Priesthood of Jesus Christ)

- ◆ Hebrew 5:6
- ◆ Hebrew 3:1-2

3. **Q** – Why don't people tithes?

4. The tithe is holy and sacred unto the Lord. Before you pay anyone or anything else, the tithe of the Lord must be set aside.

- ◆ Leviticus 27:30
- ◆ Proverbs 3:9,10

5. There is a blessing in tithing, and there is a curse in not tithing. The tithe is to be brought into the local house in which you are being spiritually fed and cared for.

- ◆ Malachi 3:8-12

6. After we pay our tithes, we must give an offering to God that reflects our love, trust and confidence in Him.

- ◆ II Corinthians 9:6-8
- ◆ Luke 6:38
- ◆ Proverbs 11:24,25

THE PRINCIPAL OF STEWARDSHIP

The principle of stewardship is not to be taken lightly. A steward is one who is in charge of the goods or property belonging to another. God has made us stewards over everything He has given us. We own nothing; not our life, our family or property. Rather, we are stewards of God's possessions. We must be faithful and wise to take good care of what has been put in our charge.

1. The earth is the Lord's.

- ◆ Psalms 24:1

2. Stewardship requires wisdom and faithfulness.

- ◆ Luke 12:42

3. A steward must be found faithful by God.

- ◆ I Corinthians 4:2

4. Stewardship is using wisely what God has entrusted you with.

- ◆ Matthew 25:14-29

(Please note MONEY itself is not evil, Money is NEUTRAL.)

◆ I Timothy 6:10

5. What are some of the things God has made you a steward over?

CONCLUSION:

Always remember to:

- 1) Pay your tithes.
- 2) Give your offerings.
- 3) Be a good steward over what God has given to you.