



**Series:** MONEY MATTERS

**Sermon:** Part 4: The Solution for Selfishness

**Date:** Sunday, January 29th, 2023

Who is king in our life will determine the direction and the quality of our lives.

Since the core of our sinfulness is selfishness, we are used to enthroning ourselves, our needs, our desires, and our plans above \_\_\_\_\_ else.

The church doesn't need more Jesus admirers or Jesus fans, the church needs more \_\_\_\_\_ who live in a way where Jesus is King of their lives.

Steward: someone an owner entrusts with the management of their possessions

We are all managers, not owners.

\_\_\_\_\_ : where money or things become central in our life instead of God

How do we ensure God has the rightful place in our lives when it comes to money?

Tithe: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything. (2 Chronicles 31:5)*

*"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob Me. But you ask, 'How are we robbing You?' 'In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse - your whole nation - because you are robbing Me.'" (Malachi 3:8-9)*

Tithing is the training wheels for greater \_\_\_\_\_.

Tithing \_\_\_\_\_ to us who really has first place in our life- is it God or is it money?

**Following God's Plan of Tithing Is:**

- 1. A practice of gratitude**
- 2. A practice of priority**
- 3. A practice of faith**



If Christians In The U.S. Were To Tithe (\$165 Billion would be available to help others):

1. \$25 billion could relieve global hunger, starvation, and deaths from preventable diseases in five years.
2. \$12 billion could eliminate illiteracy in five years.
3. \$15 billion could solve the world's water and sanitation issues, specifically at places in the world where 1 billion people live on less than \$1 per day.
4. \$1 billion could fully fund all overseas mission work so people can hear the Gospel and respond to Jesus.
5. \$100 – \$110 billion would still be left over for additional ministry expansion (Relevant, 2021)

Tithe: \_\_\_\_\_ or 10%

*All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. (Acts 4:32-35)*

**Bottom Line:** *Tithing is the training wheels for greater generosity.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. If you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus, do you consistently tithe? If not, what prevents you from doing so? What are your objections to tithing?
2. Based on the way that you use what God has entrusted to you and based on His standard of giving, would God consider you to be a generous person or a selfish person?
3. If we want God's blessing on something, we put Him first, how may God be inviting you to put Him first in the area of your finances?

*Songs used in service: Yes I Will (Vertical Worship), Death Was Arrested (North Point Worship), Trust It All (North Point Worship), Chain Breaker (Zach Williams)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**