

It's Not Law It's Love and Blessing – Bible Study Lesson

Before we start, we will make this confession:

In the name of Jesus, I boldly declare that Jesus is Lord of this Earth. The world and all of its fullness belong to God. I claim and receive everything Jesus' death and resurrection made available to me. I am living in the overflow. I have a surplus of prosperity. I have more than enough. I am blessed beyond measure. My cup is running over. I am furnished in abundance. I receive multiple streams of income. My storehouses are full and overflowing. The Lord is helping me to guard the door of my mouth. And I will not speak against His favor at work in my life. I am increasing more and more. The floodgates of heaven are opened, and THE BLESSING is pouring out. There is not room enough to contain it all. I am experiencing "THE OVERFLOW"!

– In Jesus' Name Amen.

Proverbs 10:22 (NLT)

22 The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

Isaiah 1:19 (TLB)

19 If you will only let me help you, if you will only obey, then I will make you rich!

God can be trusted. If this is true, everything He says can be trusted. His Word tells us that the blessing of the Lord makes us rich (abundantly supplied). If this is the case, we must find out how to get the blessing to be in operation in our lives. **God said, "No good thing will I withhold from you."** The blessing is a good thing. So, He has provided the who, what, when, where, and how to make sure this blessing is in operation in our lives. Today, we're going to go deeper into what happens when we tithe. Never again can a person say, "I don't tithe because I don't trust the preacher." They don't tithe, because they don't trust God. **"Tithing is the way to initiate the power of Almighty God in a material financial way."**

– The Late Dr. Fred Price

With this in mind, let's examine: **It's Not Law It's Love and Blessing.**

Genesis 14:18-20 NLT)

18 And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine.

19 Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

A lot of self-proclaimed Bible scholars want to tell us that we don't have to tithe because tithing was under the Mosaic Law. The passage we read predates the law of Moses by more than 400 years. Tithing was added to the law, so God's people could get what was on Abraham on them and their children. When we bring the tithe, He brings the blessing. We are connected to the blessing through our tithe. **WHEN WE TITHE, WE ARE CONNECTED TO THE EMPOWERMENT TO PROSPER IN EVERY AREA OF MY LIVES.** And that connection is reliable.

1. God's love connects us to the blessing when we tithe.

Leviticus 27:30-32 (NKJV)

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.

31 If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord.

A picture provides a time stamp of a specific event. When we bring our tithe, it provides of specific date and time stamp of a moment when we honored God, through obedience. One of the things about God that is so

great is that He's a relational God. He's conscious of those who truly love Him. **He says, "Them that honor Me, I will honor."** It's impossible to honor the King of Kings and Him not do something for you. **IF WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT, WE SHOULD STILL TITHE, BECAUSE IT SHOWS HONOR TO GOD.** Honoring God is the best thing we can do in life.

2. When we tithe our love and honor for God are displayed.

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

10 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!

Tithing releases the seed of expectation immediately. God intentionally put a picture of a reward in with His command to tithe. He wanted to birth expectations on the canvases of our imaginations. **EXPECTATION IS THE MAGNET THAT DRAWS IN OUR HARVESTS.** When we trust God, we expect Him to do what He said He would do.

3. God's love deposits the seed of expectation when we tithe.

Numbers 11:24-25 (NLT)

24 So Moses went out and reported the Lord's words to the people. He gathered the seventy elders and stationed them around the Tabernacle.

25 And the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Then he gave the seventy elders the same Spirit that was upon Moses. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But this never happened again.

Our tithes should be given to the church/ministry where we are fed spiritually. When we tithe, we qualify for the anointing that's on that ministry to be in operation in our lives. God has placed specific mantles and anointings on ministers and ministries. The anointing we respect is the anointing we will attract. The anointing we sow into is the anointing we

have the right to see in operation in our lives. Not only did the 70 elders who helped Moses share in the leadership burden, but they also shared in the anointing and spirit that was upon his life. **WHEN WE TITHE, WE CONNECT WITH THE ANOINTING TO MINISTER AND BE MINISTERED TO.**

- 4. God's love connects us to the ministry's anointing when we tithe.**

Malachi 3:11 (NASB)

11 Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the Lord of hosts.

Numbers 23:20 (NLT)

20 Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it!

We cannot be blessed and cursed at the same time. When we tithe, we authorize God to fight on our behalf. So many people waste time, fighting and rebuking the devil. That's not even our job. We've spent enormous amounts of time doing someone else's job. **THAT'S OUR TITHE'S RESPONSIBILITY.** When lack shows up, tithe fights him. When sickness shows up, tithe fights him. When the twins (recession and depression) show up, tithe fights for us. **WE CANNOT BE CURSED. WE ARE TITHERS.**

- 5. God's Love shields us from every curse when we tithe.**

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