



In God We Trust: Pt. 3; In First Place

The vast majority of Christians know what the Bible teaches about giving, and more specifically about tithing, yet only 5% of Christians actually tithe. Why is that? There is no doubt that it's directly related to our hearts and how we trust God. When we soften our hearts and decide to return a full 10% of all our income to God - we will be liberated. This action will bring more blessings to our lives than any other decision we will ever make.

Bottom Line: Tithing is the way I put God first place in my finances (and my life).

Discussion Questions:

1. How did your family regard money and possessions when you were growing up?
2. How have your own life goals changed over the years with regard to money and possessions?
3. What do you understand about Biblical tithing?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.** How does this passage describe the generosity of the Macedonians? In your own life, do you find this behavior easy or difficult? Why?
5. **Read Matthew 6:21.** Why do you think God places such an emphasis on the human heart as it relates to "treasures"?
6. How can being generous lead to joy? Share an example from your own life or the life of someone you know.
7. What can you do this week to review and improve your financial support to the work being done in God's Kingdom?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.