

Pastoral Notes

God's Stimulus Plan- Pt1-
Leviticus 27: 30-34.

Our first sermon of the new year began a 2 part series on Giving, God's Stimulus Plan with a focus on the Old Testament teaching on tithing.

Some people who contribute thousands a year, make the same salary as others who contribute hundreds. The difference is their view on tithing, which was first mentioned in the book of Genesis long before

and placing one by itself and the other 9 in a stack. God wants you to have the stack.

The principle of tithing requires ultimate trust in God. You must believe that, in your giving, God is able to sustain you and to meet all your needs according to his riches in glory, through Christ Jesus (Php 4:19). If you do choose to tithe you must make a commitment to give to God first, trusting that there will be more than enough left for you to enjoy a fruitful life.

Key Sermonic Points:

1. *What you give is Holy to God*
2. *Trust God enough to give to him first*
3. *Tithing is Gods stimulus plan for abundance*

God commanded Moses for the Israelites to tithe.

If God has not shortcut us in his blessing, should we shortcut him in our giving? God says it is 'robbery' when the Israelites withheld from him the tithe. Certainly, none of us would ever willingly consider robbing God but if we want God to give us his best, shouldn't we also want to give our best to God?

Perhaps God has not given you everything you've ever asked for yet none of us can deny Gods level of giving to us. Try getting ten \$1 bills

In giving, people focus on what goes out instead of focusing on what stays in your possession. God knows he can multiply so he allows us to divide (tenth). Trust God enough to let go of what you've been holding back. Let go and let God bless you with abundance.

Pray and visit our website, or get a CD, for more on this teaching.

Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- Everything you need to sustain life belongs to and comes from God.
- Just as God spoke this world into existence, he can speak a word and all a 'short-cutter' has can come tumbling down.
- Gods fiscal policy for stimulus is designed to provide for those who are less fortunate and to spread the Gospel.
- Giving should be generous and consistent. We should send in our tithes and offerings, even when we are unable to attend service.
- 20% of church members provide 80% of church financial resources