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Back 2 the Basics

Lesson 10-
Be a Giver
Part 1: Money

I. Give to the Church

A. The TITHE (means "tenth")

1. In the OT, people were commanded to give 10% BACK to God (Lev. 27:30)
 - a. tithe was used to feed, support, & minister to people (Deut. 14:28-29)
 - *Levites (the priests)
 - *foreigners, orphans, and widows
 - b. tithe was given to the priests to distribute (we give to the church first)
 - we don't decide how the tithe is to be used
2. We must remember that it was GOD who gave us what we have. We ROB God when we don't give back to Him as He commands (Malachi 3:8-10)
 - *God promises a BLESSING for those who give

II. Give Your Best & Do It Cheerfully...God Looks at the HEART

- A. Give your BEST because He deserves it...it was God who gave it to you
 - *Proverbs 3:9
- B. Give SACRIFICIALLY by FAITH
 - * The Widows Mite (Mark 12:41-44)
- C. Give cheerfully because of your THANKFULNESS for what He has given you
 - *II Corinthians 9:7, 15
- D. Give ABOVE and BEYOND when burdened to meet the needs of others
 - *Read Deut. 15:7-8; 11 & II Corinthians 8:13-15

7 Steps to Remember When Giving to the Lord

- Step 1 Give Cheerfully*
- Step 2 Give Regularly, Not Sporadically*
- Step 3 Give Your First Fruits*
- Step 4 Give When It's Tight*
- Step 5 Give Sacrificially*
- Step 6 Give a Tithe*
- Step 7 Give in Faith*

Small groups

Talk About It: What are some reasons why God would want us to give back to the church?

Talk About It: Look over each of the following statements. Determine if it is biblical or not and why.

1. I can't afford to tithe this month.
2. The church just wants money.
3. I'll use my tithe to do something good for God this month.
4. I will trust God in faith by giving Him my best to the local church regularly.

Read Malachi 1:8-10, 14 (not giving God your best)

-Leader, read Malachi 1:1-2:9 beforehand for context

-Leader, have them look at Malachi 2:1-3 to see what God said would happen to them

Ask Yourself: Are there areas that I am robbing God by not giving Him my best?

Ask Yourself: What specific changes do I need to make to please God in the area of giving?

Take it Home

Read II Corinthians 8-9

Prayerfully consider what God might have you give on our commitment service on December 20th.

Prayerfully consider what God might have you give toward our "246 Christmas".

II Corinthians 9:6-7

"Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart- not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver."