

**A Sacred Sacrifice
Tithing, Part Two
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Opening

-(honor David for wedding last Sunday...)

-“Oil”

-When God listens to how I manage my money, am I mispronouncing “Christian stewardship?”

-I’ve entitled this mini-series “A Sacred Sacrifice” because I believe that these two words are at the heart of Christian stewardship: **sacred and sacrifice.**

-Consider this:

Am I giving sacrificially to the sacred work of building Jesus’ Church? Because if I am not giving sacrificially to the sacred work of building Jesus’ Church then I am mispronouncing Christian stewardship by the way I am managing my money.

Recap

-Our plan for our sacred sacrifice this year:

- 1. monthly tithe: 10%**
- 2. monthly missions: 2%**
- 3. annual missions pledge: one month tithe**
- 4. Legacy \$40K: _____**

-2024 Capital Improvements

- \$80k Sanctuary AC
- \$30k Sanctuary Projector
- \$10k Sanctuary Wheel Chair Access
- \$10k Chapel (RC and Workshop)
- **Total = \$130k**

(\$20k from Catalyst/Anchor, \$40k raise, \$70k spend)

-Six Questions: The Portion, The Consequence, The Priority (two weeks ago)

-This Week: The Place, The Offerings, The Trust

The Place...?

-Joshua 13:14

-How many tribes...Where is Joseph...Who else is missing...Where did they live, how were they sustained? (talk too about them being a living sacrifice)

It was understood that the nation of Israel would collectively support the work of the ministry as well as those tasked with doing that ministry.

At the inception of the Church in Acts, we find a continuation of a commitment to the collective financial support of the ministry of their home church...our baseline giving should start with the church we call home.

The Offerings...?

-Proverbs 28:27 (poor)

-Leviticus 19:9-10 (hospitality)

-Exodus 36:3-7 (projects)

-Romans 15:25-26 (missions)

I believe 10% of our gross earnings is the starting point of our personal stewardship giving strategy, given to the church we call home, supplemented by gifts to the poor, hospitality, special projects, and missions.

The Trust...?

-Proverbs 3:5-6

-(6k story)

-2 Kings 4:1-7

Every time we give, we are gathering “another pot” for God to fill in turn, trust Him!

Band

-Some questions to ask...

- Does my giving match my beliefs?
- Are my finances organized in a disciplined budget?
- Am I motivated to build my home church for others?
- Do I have money miracle stories?

How are you pronouncing “Christian stewardship” by the way you are managing your household finances?

Am I giving sacrificially to the sacred work of building Jesus’ church...to and through the church I call home?

Close

-Psalm 24:1