

**Disruption Series**  
**Tithing**  
**11/26/22**  
**Newport News**

**Opening**

-(favorite thing you ate at Thanksgiving)

-Disruption Series, explain theme

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**-I have found that people are ill-prepared for how disruptive Jesus is in our lives...**

-Series (disrupted the rhythm of my life early on...)

-these three revelations for me from Scripture early on in my Christian life were some of the MOST disruptive changes I experienced...and so glad I did!!!

- Sabbath
- Holy Spirit Baptism
- Tonight: Tithing

**-(Merry Video)**

**Introduction**

**-Mark 12:41-44** (Is God proud of me?)

**-Acts 20:35** (Am I blessed, fulfilled and favored!)

-Okay, six question people often have related to tithing...

**The Portion...?**

**-Matthew 23:23**

-Only three categories for OT transitioning into NT: released, remains, raised

-The Bible should never be leveraged to justify less!

-tithe means a “tenth part”

-I believe that means 10% of our gross annual income

-(talk too about how God measures the gift not by amount but by sacrifice so % evens the playing field...Mark 12 text from earlier)

### **The Consequence...?**

**-Malachi 3:7-10** (just prior to 400 yrs of prophetic silence)

“Being blessed means having supernatural power working for you. By contrast, being cursed means having supernatural power working against you.” Robert Morris from The Blessed Life.

“The principle of the firstfruits is very, very powerful. I have heard it said that any first thing given is never lost, and any first thing not given is always lost. In other words, what we give to God, we don’t lose because God redeems it for us. But what we withhold from God, we will lose. Jesus echoed this principle when He said: For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it (Matthew 16:25).”

### **The Priority...?**

**-1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

-Proverbs 3:9-10 (introduce phrase: “sacrificial priority percentage” here)

-Matthew 6:33

*Our gift does not rise to the standard of the tithe until the sentiment of heart from which it comes crosses the threshold of sacrifice AND gladness.*

-(Merry Family Testimony)

### **The Place...?**

**-Deuteronomy 12:6-14**

-How many tribes...Where is Joseph...Who else is missing...Where did they live, how were they sustained?

*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 and then grow from there.*

### **The Offerings...?**

**-Proverbs 28:27 (poor)**

**-Leviticus 19:9-10 (hospitality)**

**-Exodus 36:3-7 (projects)**

**-Romans 15:25-26 (missions)**

*Scripture is clear that 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**

-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?**

### **Close**

-Psalm 24:1