

Break The Yoke Series
Understanding Tithing, Part One
05/18/19
Newport New Campus

Opening

-deed in hand!!!!

-missions giving...

-September 13th and 14th (Legacy Weekend, Breaking New Ground)

Introduction

-Isaiah 10:27 KJV

-Isaiah 10:27 NASB (preach...musk ox slides reference)

-How much time have we spent in our lives regarding certain struggles pleading with God to deliver us when His response to us all along has been, grow out of it!

Stewardship and Generosity

-12 Pathways... (my healthy fatty food groups)

-Stewardship (read Praxis definition)

-Generosity (read Praxis definition)

-tell story of the best Caesar Salad ever...

-I like to say that preaching on tithing is like anchovies in a Caesar salad...you need just the right amount but careful to not over do it!

-Tonight and the first weekend of June we are going to explore **8 principles** I believe are the keys to understanding the Biblical concept of Tithing.

- The Portion
- The Consequence
- The Priority

- The Attitude
- The Place
- The Offerings
- The Start
- The Trust

Understanding The Portion

-Genesis 14:18-20

-Matthew 23:23

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

If you believe 10% is a timeless principle for giving (remains), then you should give 10%.

If you believe the New Testament demands a higher standard (raised), then you should give more.

If you believe the New Testament doesn't demand sacrificial generosity from us (released), your Bible is missing some pages!

-The portion matters because Scripture teaches us that all generosity is a candidate for reciprocity (2 Corinthians 9:6). A tithe however positions our material resources for favor beyond reciprocity.

Understanding The Consequence

-Malachi 3:7-10 (only verse 10 on the screen)

-(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).” Robert Morris from The Blessed Life.

-(explain redemption in relation to tithing)

-100% of your material resources without God’s favor and blessing will always be less than 90% of your material resources with God’s favor and blessing.

-Only time in Scripture God challenges us to test HIM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Understanding The Priority

-What is something in your life that is a priority, in the sense that it is not negotiable?

-1 Corinthians 16:1-2

-Proverbs 3:9-10

-Matthew 6:33 (reference)

-Tithing necessitates that I give this portion first, and I trust the wisdom of God and the favor of God to provide for mine and my family’s material needs.

-(talk about the NRBC offering plates)

Understanding The Attitude

-2 Kings 23:1-3 (only verse 3 on screen)

(Josiah 624 BC and David in 1056 BC...400 years and so much had been lost)

-1 Kings 7:21

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-Jakin (He establishes) and Boaz (In Him is strength)

-Our gift does not rise to the standard of the tithe until the sentiment of heart from which it comes crosses the threshold of celebration!